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ALBION, INDIANA

2008

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THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 1, 2007, Monday

Theodore Meyer

Mr. Meyer

FORT WAYNE — Theodore W. "Ted' ' Meyer, 77, of rural Fort Wayne died at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at his home. He had been in declining health the past two years.

Mr. Meyer had been employed at Kraft Foods and Newnam Foundry in Kendallville and at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for more than 25 years where he retired in 1991 as a gear cutter and forklift operator. He had also farmed.

He was a 1947 graduate of Huntertown High School and a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Meyer attended Union Chapel United Brethren in Christ Church. He was a member of the Dana Quarter Century Club and the Wood Turners Club.

He enjoyed wood turning, fishing, camping and mushroom hunting.

He was born March 12, 1930, in Berne to Harvey and Elizabeth (Hubner) Meyer. He married Pauline Rodman on Dec. 24, 1951. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Maggie Meyer of Herald, Calif., Paul and Janeie Meyer of Churubusco and Ernest and Kathy Meyer of Harlan; three sisters, Harvena Friemuth and Eileen Suetterlin, both of Fort Wayne, and Mary Shoudel of Churubusco; 11 grandchildren; and 25-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Elizaberh Meyer in 1954; a son, Carl Meyer in 1988; four brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Karen Kossberg and the Rev. Gary Reiber officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery near Huntertown.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., No. 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Mildred Fordyce

Mrs. Fordyce

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mildred L. Fordyce, 77, of Wolcottville died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Fordyce had retired from Monsanto/Silgan Plastics in Ligonier after 28 years. She had also been the bookkeeper for the family business, Fordyce Excavating, and in the past she worked for Indiana Bell Telephone for eight years.

She graduated as valedictorian of her class from Ashley High School in 1948.

Mrs. Fordyce enjoyed supporting her husband as he entertained playing the drums and calling square dances all over northern Indiana. She loved to go camping and fishing and spending the winter months in Florida, She also enjoyed cooking and knitting.

Mrs. Fordyce was born near Ashley on March 19, 1930, to Cecil and Rena Rutheda (Perkins) Hanes. She married Charles William Fordyce on Sept. 3, 1952, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Deanna and Jerry Hart of Wolcottville, Cynthia Creech and her companion, George Speakman, of Howe, Candace and Howard Hoke of South Milford and Carla and William Morgan of Hampton, Va.; two sisters, Beatrice Pence of Garrett and Phyllis Hines of Marcellus, Mich.; six grandchildren, Erica McNutt of Garrett, Robert Hart of LaGrange, Kenneth Hart of Wolcottville and Daniel Jenkins, Kayla Jenkins and Xavier Hoke, all of South Milford; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Riley Children's Hospital.

View a video tribute (after Tuesday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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October 1, 2007, Monday

Treva Lovette

GARRETT — Treva M. Lovette, 87, of Garrett died Sept. 20, 2007, in Snellville, Ga.

Mrs. Lovette

Surviving are a son, Larry Lovette of Snellville, Ga.; six grandchildren, Chris Rogers of Highland Ranch, Colo., Scott Schafer of Littleton, Colo., Kim Schafer of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jennifer Clark of Layton, Utah, Kelly Cannon of Covington, Ga., and Leah Lovette of Mobile, Ala.; six great-grandchildren, Sean Rogers, Megan Rogers, Kelsey Cannon, Chase Cannon, Lauren Schafer and Ashley Schafer; a sister, Sharon Butler of Kendallville; and two brothers, Jack Rahrig of Stroh and Jim Rahrig of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver Lovette; a son, Jimmy Lovette, a daughter, Charlene Schafer; a brother, Red Rahrig; a sister, Kate Burtch; her mother, Irene Rahrig; her father, Alfred Rahrig; a grandmother, Claire Johnson; and a grandfather, Charles Johnson.

A graveside service celebrating her life will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett, with Pastor Jim Lilley officiating. Family members will receive friends after the service.

Anyone with questions regarding the service may contact Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, Snellville, Ga., (770) 979-3200.

To view a memorial DVD tribute, visit the Web site www.wagesfuneralhome.com.

Donald Leatherman

ALBION — Albion businessman Donald C. Leatherman, 81, died at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier where he had been a resident since 2002.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Jerry Worthington

FORT WAYNE — Jerry D. Worthington, 60, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Garrett died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007.

He was born Sept. 1, 1947 in Hillsdale, Mich., to John L. and Helen C. Worthington. His parents preceded him in death.

There will be no calling or services.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Tommy Hagerman

LIGONIER — Tommy R. Hagerman, 68, of rural Ligonier died at 12:13 a.m. today, Monday, Oct. 13, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Thursday.

Among his survivors is his wife, Leah.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Gordon Wyne

ELLENTON, Fla. — Gordon Wyne, 96, of Ellenton, Fla., and formerly of Auburn died Sept. 30, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wyne was a farmer in DeKalb County for more than 30 years. He worked as a machinist for Warner Gear in Auburn for more than 37 years, retiring in 1972. He attended the United Methodist Church in Ellenton, Fla.

Mr. Wyne

He was born Aug. 28, 1911, in Selma, Ind., to Harvey P. and Laura P. (Williams) Wyne.

He married Doris E. (Mumford) Wyne on June 7, 1930, in New Burlington. She died April 11, 1981.

He then married Verna P. (Cuehn) Abbey-Wyne on April 22, 1983, in Bradenton, Fla. She died May 8, 1989.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Betty Culler of New Haven, Frances Wyne of Nixa, Mo., and Harriett and Bob Walker of Auburn; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Pam Wyne of Circle Pine, Minn.; 20 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two wives, one son, Gordon Wyne Jr., three sisters, one brother and four grandsons.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Pastor Don Tate will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview North Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
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October 2, 2007, Tuesday

Thomas Scott

FORT WAYNE — Thomas Stephen Scott, 68, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Scott had been a welder and had worked in the warehouse at Lincoln Food Service for 12 years.

He had retired in 1990 as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Scott was a member of St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic Church, Foster Parent Association and Knights of Columbus.

He was born Jan. 8, 1939, in Kendallville to Eldon and Lenore (Uhrick) Scott. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth of Fort Wayne; 10 children, Ryan Scott and Rachel Scott, both at home, Robert Scott of Churubusco, Timothy Scott, Franklin Tarkington, Jack Hinkson, Stephanie Mosier and Audrey Boggs, all of Fort Wayne, and Edith Gaddis and Gerri Urick, both of Williamsburg, Va.; two brothers, Robert Scott of Arizona and John Scott of LaGrange; three sisters, Margaret Godsell of Kendallville and Ruth Ulrey and Cecilia Schmitz, both of Fort Wayne; 57 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic Church with Father Tom Lanbardo officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic Church.

Tommy Hagerman

LIGONIER — Tommy R. Hagerman, 68, of Ligonier died at 12:13 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Thursday.

Mr. Hagerman

Mr. Hagerman had moved to Noble County nine years ago from Paynesville, W.Va.

He had been a coal miner and had been force to retire in 1986 due to ill health after 28 years of employment with Pittson Coal Co. in Jewel Ridge, Va.

Mr. Hagerman was a minister at Bright Morning Star Baptist Church at Paynesville and had been the moderator at the Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier.

He enjoyed fox hunting, riding four-wheelers and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was born May 25, 1939, in Jolo, W.Va., to Rosevelt and LouVicy (Vance) Hagerman. He married Leah Hicks on April 19, 1958, in Paynesville. She survives.

Also surviving are six sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Mary Hagerman, Stephen and Nancy Hagerman, Jeffrey and Betty Hagerman and Michael and Stephanie Hagerman, all of Paynesville, Anthony and Chrissy Hagerman of Ligonier and Aaron and Shannon Hagerman of Chicago; five daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Ron Marshall of Auburn, Sherry and Luther Hagerman of Ocala, Fla., Carolyn and Ernest Vance of Albion, Deleah and Dennis Ratliff of Topeka and Tommi Jo and Estil Pruitt of Ligonier; a daughter-in-law, Tiffany Hagerman of Ligonier; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Henry and Frances Hagerman of Raysal, W.Va., Theodore and Beatrice Hagerman of Paynesville, Jimmy and Maria Hagerman of Jacksonville, Fla., and Perry and Nancy Hagerman of Thomasville, N.C.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Tennessee Woods of Bradshaw, W.Va., and Clara and Charles Handshoe of Auburn; 46 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Madelene Hagerman and Ethelene Hagerman; two sons, Mark Hagerman and Jonathan Hagerman; a son-in-law, Charles Goss; two grandsons, Joshua Hagerman and Joseph Hagerman; and four sisters, Barbara Hagerman, Celia Woody, Mae Baker and Elizabeth Payne.

Services will be at 5 p.m. today at the family home with Carl Slone, Elmer Slone, Rusty Slone and Billy Tuttle officiating. Calling from be from 3-5 p.m. today at the family home.

Additional services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Bright Morning Star Baptist Church in Paynesville.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Wednesday at the church with a service at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be in Hagerman Cemetery at Beartown, W.Va.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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October 2, 2007, Tuesday

Thomas Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Thomas James Miller, 56, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007. in Indianapolis where he was working.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller began his career operating heavy equipment in 1980 and belonged to Local No. 103 Operating Engineers, Fort Wayne.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1969 and entered the United States Army, serving his country stateside during the Vietnam War until 1971.

Mr. Miller was known as a very witty guy who loved life and hanging out with his friends. He loved NASCAR and all types of racing, spending time in his NASCAR decorated garage, country and jazz music and karaoke.

He was born in Kendallville on Oct. 4, 1950, to James O. and Lucy W. (Sherman) Miller. His parents survive in Avilla.

He married Judith L. Wineland on April 28, 2001, in Kendallville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, Jason Trevor Miller of Kendallville; a daughter, Lindsey Britt Miller of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters, Jenna Nicole Miller and Halle Kay Miller; two stepsons, Scott Leamon of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Jeff Leamon of Boynton Beach, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Alyssa Sanford of Kendallville; five stepgrandchildren, Erica, Samantha and Shanna Sanford, Gabriel Leamon, and Seth Kalb; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Mark Allan and Karen Miller of Nobleton, Fla., Jonathan and Charlotte Miller of Avilla and Matthew Miller of Sumter, S.C.; four nephews and four nieces; and eight great-nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, James Sr. and Marie Miller.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to family for funeral expenses.

View a video tribute (after Thursday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Dorothy Thrush

GARRETT — Dorothy Bea (Lytle) Thrush, 95, of rural Garrett died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett with her family by her side.

Upon graduation from Convoy High School, she worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne until starting her family and becoming a full-time homemaker.

Faith, family and friends were her passions. She was a longtime member of the Altar Star United Methodist Church. She enjoyed hosting family dinners complete with homemade pies, cakes and cookies, usually followed by card games of euchre and pinochle.

She was born Dec. 6, 1911, in Tully Township in Van Wert County, Ohio, in the home of her parents, Asbury and Mary Etta (Burley) Lytle.

She married Albert Heitz Thrush on Dec. 3, 1938. They had two sons and daughters-in-law, William Albert "Bill" and Diana Lynn Thrush and Dennis Dale and Sheryl Ann Thrush. Her husband and sons preceded her in death.

Surviving are two grandsons and their wives, Craig Alan and Allison Rene Thrush and Todd Dennis and Katie Thrush; and six great-grandchildren, Nathaniel James, Savannah Jordan, Dakota Faith, Camron Jae, Dalton Dennis and Marissa Renae.

She also was preceded in death by eight brothers, Harley Wesley, Arthur Washington, Russell WIlliam, Lester Lawrence, Hobart "Herbie," Clifford Lee, Corwin Burley, Manford Dee, and two sisters, Stella Goldie (Lytle) Murphy and Ethel Mae (Lytle) Hipsher.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, conducted by Pastor Kathy Thompson. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Altar Star United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 2, 2007, Tuesday

Area businessman Donald Leatherman dies

ALBION — Donald C. Leatherman, 81, of Albion died at 1:55 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier where he had been a resident the past five years.

Mr. Leatherman

Mr. Leatherman was the former facilities manager for Group Dekko. He was the owner of Trail Haven RVs and was co-owner of Leatherman Brothers Garage.

A graduate of Albion High School, Mr. Leatherman enjoyed genealogy.

He joined the U.S. Army in March 1944 during World War II and was discharged in May 1946. He then entered the Navy Reserve Seabees in 1949 and retired as a master chief petty officer in 1984. His military career spanned more than 37 years and during that tenure he received many awards, including the Pulliam Award as the Outstanding Naval Reservist in the state in 1969.

Mr. Leatherman was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, a 57-year member of the Albion Rotary Club where he received a 50-year award for perfect attendance in 2000 and the Paul Harris Award in 1992. He was also a 50-year member of Albion American Legion Post 246.

He was born Jan. 1, 1926, in Garrett to Daniel and Blanche (Hardendorf) Leatherman. He married Barbara Bonar on July 13, 1947, at First United Methodist Church in Albion. She died April 10, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Cindy Leatherman of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheri and John Auld of Albion and Karen and Dude Holbrook of Kendallville; six brothers, Ernest, Everett, Lee, Joe, Mick and Keith Leatherman, all of Albion; three sisters, Helen Cardinal and Joan Bushong, both of Albion, and Faunda Muesing of Haw River, N.C.; 11 grandchildren and their spouses, Rose and Bob Brown, Rhonda and Dallas Dean, Janene Kruse, Michelle and Leigh Bellinger, Krista Auld, Karlea and Ryan Cook, Marc and Amy Leatherman, Jamie and David Worman, Cyra and Kevin Kline, Jace Mundon and Konrad Mundon; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military rites by Albion American Legion Post 246.

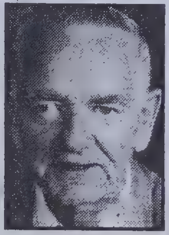
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one half hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Noble House or Southern Care Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Claude Richmond

BUTLER — Claude "Al" Richmond, 66, of Butler died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at his home.


Mr. Richmond

Mr. Richmond retired from Bryan Custom Plastics after 15 years of service and worked at Wal-Mart for four years.

He was born Dec. 8, 1940, in Wheeling, W. Va., to Claude and Gladys (Hughes) Richmond. They preceded him in death.

He married Pamela Treharn on June 11, 1960, in McKinley Heights, Ohio. She died March 13, 2006.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Fredrick and Vicki Richmond of Butler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Christie "Sam" Butler of Pleasant Lake and Kandie and Andy Dellinger of Butler; a brother, George Richmond of Amherst, Ohio; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Justin Fisher officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To view a video tribute, visit www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 2, 2007, Tuesday

Dana Weller

BRONSON, Mich. — Dana Kay Weller, 36, of Bronson, Mich., died suddenly Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, at home.

Mrs. Weller

Mrs. Weller had worked at Camoplast in Coldwater, Mich., for the past nine years.

She was a lifelong resident of Branch County, Mich., and enjoyed socializing and spending time with her family and friends. She loved to go camping and sit around the campfire. She adored her children and was very involved in their lives and activities. She had a loving heart and gave generously of self to all who knew her.

She was born in Coldwater on Sept. 12, 1971, to Robert and Kay Wilbur. She married Ron Weller on June 10, 2006. He survives.

She is also survived by her daughter, Joa Kay Littlejohn of Bronson; her son, Jarrett Jay Cole, of Bronson; brother Tate Wilbur of Coldwater; stepsister and spouse, Jenny and Kip Brown of Three Rivers, Mich., her father and mother, Robert and Helen Wilbur; mother and father-in-law Nancy and Abe Thalls; mother and father-in-law Ron Weller and Cindy Lafont; special friend Mary Booher; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins and other friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother and her aunt, Collen Carman.

Services will be at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater on Friday at 11 a.m. to celebrate the lives of Dana Kay and Colleen Carman, with Pastor Terry Siler of the Congregational Church of Christ in Bronson officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Girard, Mich.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Dana Weller Scholarship fund for her children.

Condolences may be left at www.dutcherfh.com.

Elmer Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — Elmer E. Yoder, 75, of Middlebury died at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Yoder

Mr. Yoder had been employed for several years at Keene Machine and at MEI Crisco, both in Middlebury. He had owned and operated The Homestead Restaurant and Lounge in Middlebury, Crystal Valley Estates in Middlebury and Wawasee Mobile Home Park in Syracuse.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Yoder was a member and past commander of American Legion Post 210.

He was born Aug. 13, 1932, in LaGrange County to Ezra and Anna (Bontrager) Yoder. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Dollie Treese of Lincoln City, Ore.; a son, Donald Yoder of Arizona; two grandchildren; his caregiver, Valerie Yoder of Middlebury; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Perry Yoder and Christie and Marlene Yoder, all of Middlebury; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Sylvanus Miller of Nappanee, Lizzie and LaVerne Bontrager of Shipshewana, LeAnna and John Schrock of Goshen, Katie and Tom Humble of Middlebury and Ada and Nelson Miller of Shipshewana.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Dustin Yoder; and a brother, Daniel Yoder.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the chaplain of American Legion Post 210 officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury. Pallbearers will be members of American Legion Post 210.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Wendell Blaker

BUTLER — Wendell L. Blaker, 67, of Butler died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr . Blaker worked at Eaton Corp. for more than 40 years.

He was born Aug. 19, 1940, in Butler to Howard and Goldie (Funk) Blaker. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Jenny Blaker of Butler; a daughter, Dawn Blaker of Butler; a brother, Jack Blaker of Butler; two sisters, Phyllis Richmond of Pleasant Lake and Marilyn Blossom of Pleasant Lake; and two grandchildren, Makenna and Kaitlyn Blaker of Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

James Fell

FORT WAYNE — James C. Fell, 53, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, at Hospice Home.

Mr. Fell had owned the Wee Bee Convenience in Grabill and had formerly been employed by North American Van Lines, Essex and SCM in Marion.

He was a graduate of Indiana University and a member of the Elks Lodge.

He was born Nov. 11, 1953, in Allen County to Clifford and Joan (Kirby) Fell. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tracy and Sam Stratman of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Kylie Stratman and Hayden Stratman; special friend, Christine Jones of Fort Wayne; and his former wife, Nancy Fell of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Curtis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, with the Rev. Ron Stratman of Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 3, 2007, Wednesday

Charles Decker Jr.

AUBURN — Charles Edward Decker Jr., 76, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home after a brief illness.

Mr. Decker had owned and operated the Log Cabin Market in Auburn from 1957 to 2007. He attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and enjoyed fishing and working in his flower beds. He was especially fond of his constant canine companion, Buddy.

Mr. Decker grew up in Huntertown and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1949. He then served four years in the Navy reserve.

He was born Oct. 19, 1930, in Continental, Ohio, to Charles Decker Sr. and Joella (Pitney) Decker. They preceded him in death.

He married Helen McConnell on Oct. 28, 1959, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Charlie, Daniel and Cathy and Robert and Sharon, all of Auburn; a daughter, Mary Susan Green of Auburn; eight grandsons, three granddaughters, two great-granddaughters, one stepgranddaughter, two stepgrandsons, two stepgreat-granddaughters and two stepgreat-grandsons; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Sharon of Huntertown; a sister, Barbara Springer of Fort Wayne; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

June Miller

Mrs. Miller

AVILLA — June V. Miller, 91, of Avilla and formerly of Garrett died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007, at 8:25 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Miller was a teacher in the East Allen Community School Corp. for 20 years, retiring in 1980. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. She had been the organist at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett for 20 years, from 1955 to 1975, and worked at the American Red Cross for 20 years.

She was born June 2, 1916, in Fort Wayne to Edward N. and Mary (Stogdill) Jones. They preceded her in death.

She married C. Maurice Miller in 1938. He died Dec. 22, 1982.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Peggy Miller of Garrett, David and Kay (McKee) Miller of Santa Clarita, Calif., Tony and Betsy Miller of Carmel and Tom and Terry Miller of Carmel; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thaddeus Miller.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla. Father Daniel Leeuw will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Memorials are to Masses at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

To send a condolence of sign the online register book, visit www.thomasfuneral-home.org.

Annetta Whittig

HUDSON — Annetta Louise Whittig, 73, of Big Turkey Lake, Hudson, died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

A lifetime Stroh resident, she retired as the branch manager of Farmers State Bank, Stroh Branch, where she had been employed from 1951 to 1999.

Ms. Whitting was a member of Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1933, in Stroh to Floyd A. and Florence (Gravit) Perkins. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Louise and Paul Kennedy of Ashley and Amy and Larry Beer of Hudson; four grandchildren, Amelia Hughes, Bradley Beer, Dale Kennedy and Alison Kennedy; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Karen and Lynn Stockwell of Pleasant Lake, Martha Relford of Chicago and Marilyn and Daniel Faulkner of Wolcottville;, and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Miles and Judith Perkins of Hudson and James and Linda Perkins of Wolcottville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stroh Church of Christ with the Rev. Michael Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ.

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October 3, 2007, Wednesday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted with a correction. We apologize for the omission of one name in Tuesday's edition.*

Dorothy Thrush

GARRETT — Dorothy Bea (Lytle) Thrush, 95, of rural Garrett died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett with her family by her side.

Upon graduation from Convoy High School, she worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne until starting her family and becoming a full-time homemaker.

Faith, family and friends were her passions. She was a longtime member of the Altar Star United Methodist Church. She enjoyed hosting family dinners complete with homemade pies, cakes and cookies, usually followed by card games of euchre and pinochle.

She was born Dec. 6, 1911, in Tully Township in Van Wert County, Ohio, in the home of her parents, William Asbury and Mary Etta (Burley) Lytle.

She married Albert Heitz Thrush on Dec. 3, 1938. They had two sons and daughters-in-law, William Albert "Bill" and Diana Lynn Thrush and Dennis Dale and Sheryl Ann Thrush. Her husband and sons preceded her in death.

Surviving are two grandsons and their wives, Craig Alan and Allison Rene Thrush and Todd Dennis and Katie Thrush; and six great-grandchildren, Nathaniel James, Savannah Jordan, Dakota Faith, Camron Jae, Dalton Dennis and Marissa Renae.

She also was preceded in death by eight brothers, Harley Wesley, Arthur Washington, Russell WIlliam, Lester Lawrence, Hobart "Herbie," Clifford Lee, Corwin Burley, Manford Dee, and two sisters, Stella Goldie (Lytle) Murphy and Ethel Mae (Lytle) Hipsher.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, conducted by Pastor Kathy Thompson. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Altar Star United Methodist Church.

William Brittenham Jr.

SHIPSHEWANA — William E. "Bill" Brittenham Jr., 41, of Shipshewana died at 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Brittenham had been a newspaper courier for the Goshen News.

He was born Aug. 30, 1966, in Saginaw, Mich., to William and Evelyn (Spourl) Brittenham. His father is deceased and his mother, Evelyn Acker of Highland, survives.

Also surviving are a son, Cody Brittenham of Three Rivers, Mich.; a friend, Herman Adkins of Shipshewana; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Acker of Holly, Mich., and Kim and Jerry Blaszyk of Highland; and a brother, Earl Brittenham of Alma, Mich.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, John Nelson.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. Clair Hochstetler officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Theo Clouse

HUDSON — Theo N. Clouse, 82, of Hudson died peacefully Tuesday evening, Oct. 2, 2007, at her home with her husband, James, and the rest of her family at her side.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

A full obituary will be published Thursday.

David Tuttle

ALBION — David C. Tuttle, 60, of Albion died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007, at Northridge Village Nursing Home.

Mr. Tuttle

Mr. Tuttle moved to the area 22 years ago from Rushville.

He was a welder at Dana in Syracuse and retired from there after 32 years of service.

Mr. Tuttle was a member of the United Auto Workers.

He was also a member of Arlington Christian Church.

Mr. Tuttle loved being outdoors, playing darts and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born June 15, 1947, in New Castle to Robert and Virginia (Rhodes) Tuttle. He married Linda Kennedy on Aug. 24, 1969, at Arlington Christian Church in Arlington. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Tuttle of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Missy and Kris Bair of Churubusco; a brother, John Tuttle of Fort Wayne; three grandsons, Kyle, Marc and Brad Bair; two nieces and their husbands, Tiffany and Jacob Bruner and Cari and Andy Mallet of Greenfield; a nephew, Robert Tuttle of Fort Wayne; and a great-aunt, Harriett McClarnon.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor Jeff Hipley officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Northridge Village Nursing Home.

Condolences may be sent online to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Ilene M. Young, 86

KENDALLVILLE – Ilene M. Young, age 86, of Kendallville, passed away on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Young was born at Bakerstown near Albion on September 10, 1921 to Frank and Alma Louisa (Weller) Jacob.

She graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1939 and was employed as a telephone operator in Albion in the 1940's.

She married John Hire on June 12, 1948 in Goshen, Indiana and worked at the G.C. Murphy Company in downtown Kendallville for 13 years.

She was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and enjoyed playing cards and crocheting. Mrs. Young especially loved spending time with her family.

Survivors include: three daughters, Connie (Richard) Maassel of Westerville, Ohio, Cheryl Young of Kendallville, Cathy (David) Thiem of Kendallville; a son-in-law, Charles "Skip" Ackman of Ashley; five grandchildren: Debra and Richard Krull of Hudson, Carrie (James) Richards of Sturgis, John Maassel of Westerville, Kevin Maassel of Westerville, Laura Thiem of Kendallville; five great grandchildren, Richard "Zane" Krull, Nolan Krull, Cassie Smith, Katie Richards, and James Richards; one sister, Leona Schwalbe of Bloomington, Illinois; two sisters-in-law, Dolores Jacob of Albion, Kay Jacob of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by parents; husband, John Young in 1982; daughter, Carolyn Ackman in 2002; grandson, James Maassel in 1981; grandson, Christopher Thiem in 2004; sister, Wauneta Reed; brothers, Franklin Jacob and D. Elon Jacob.

Funeral Services were at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Preferred Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or School.

View a video tribute (after Friday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Max McGuire, 85

ALBION — Max McGuire, 85, of Albion died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mr. McGuire had been a lifetime area resident and farmer.

He had also worked for 15 years at Dekko Heating in North Webster, retiring in 1998.

Mr. McGuire served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was discharged in 1945 after receiving many medals and distinctions.

He was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246, VFW Post 6413 and Albion Eagles Lodge 2455. He was also a member of the World War II 671st Engineer Co. group that meets biennially in Decatur.

Mr. McGuire enjoyed attending his grandchildren's activities, deer hunting, fishing, playing cards and dining out with his family members.

He was born Aug. 7, 1922, in York Township in Noble County to Rollin and Orpha (Lindsey) McGuire. He married M. Irene Turk on Dec. 15, 1942. She died Jan. 23, 2003.

Surviving are a son and his fiancee, Bill McGuire and Rachel Welch, both of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lois and Ken Ward of Sodus, Mich., Elaine Wolfe and her friend Marlin McCleary, both of Albion, and Betty and John Pettit of Goshen; a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Pauline McGuire of Churubusco; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn Young of Crawfordsville and Marcelle and Lee Mahnensmith of Indianapolis; 13 grandchildren and spouses, Kim and Lance Snyder, Daren Bortner, Kristal Mynhier, Jimmy and Charna Mynhier, Traci and Ron Stanley, Teresa and Troy Airgood, Troy and Rachel Owen, Tiffany and Tyler Smith, Steve and Carrie McGuire, Dustin McGuire, Gavin McGuire, Brentin McGuire and Jenny and Graden Stahl; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Carlos and Wroth McGuire; three grandchildren; and a son-in-law, Neal Wolfe.

Services were at David Funeral Home, 1292 Drake Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Michael Heinbaugh of Ligonier United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Rosehill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to North Ridge Village Nursing Home or Parkview Hospice of Whitley County.

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Donald C. Leatherman, 81

LIGONIER – Donald C. Leatherman, 81, died at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier where he had resided for 5 years, on September 30, 2007 at 1:55 p.m.

He was born in Garrett Indiana to Daniel and Blanche V. (Hardendorf) Leatherman on January 1, 1926.

He was an Albion High School graduate.

He married Barbara Bonar on July 13, 1947. She preceded him in death in 2001.

He was a veteran of WWII where he entered the US Army in March of 1944 and was discharged in May of 1946, then entered the Navy Reserve Seabee in 1949, and retired as a Master Chief Petty Officer in 1984. He received many awards during his tenure including the Pulliam Award as an Outstanding Naval Reservist in the State of Indiana in 1969. His total military service was 37 years and 2 months.

He was a former facilities manager at Group Dekko and owner of Trail Haven RVs. He was also Co-Owner of Leatherman Brothers Garage.

His hobby was geneology. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, a 57 year member of the Albion Rotary club where he received his 50 year award for Perfect Attendance in 2000, and received the Paul Harris Award in April of 1992. Also a 50 year member of the Albion American Legion Post 246.

Survivors include one son: Gary (Cindy) Leatherman of Albion, two daughters: Sheri (John) Auld of Albion and Karen (Dude) Holbrook of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren: Rose (Bob) Brown, Rhonda (Dallas) Dean, Janene Kruse, Michelle (Leigh) Bellinger, Krista Auld, Karlea (Ryan) Cook, Marc (Amy) Leatherman, Jamie (David) Worman, Cyra (Kevin) Kline, Jace Mundon, and Konrad Mundon; 10 Great grandchildren; 6 brothers: Ernest, Everett, Lee, Joe, Mick and Keith Leatherman all of Albion; 3 sisters: Helen Cardinal and Joan Bushong both of Albion and Faunda Muesing of Haw River, North Carolina.

Calling will be Wednesday, October 3 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Rd., Albion and also a half hour before the service on Thursday.

Funeral services will be Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker will be officiating.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery with full Military Rights by American Legion Post 246 in Albion.

Memorials are to Noble House and Southern Care Hospice.

Robert Slone, 46

ALBION — Robert James Slone, 46, of Wichita Falls, Texas, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, in a construction accident in Wichita Falls.

He was a roofer working for Armored Roofing.

The U.S. Navy veteran, who served as GSM-1 (E7), was a member of the Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed watching football, fishing and talking about his daughter. He was a loving and caring father and brother who will be missed by all who knew him.

He was born Jan. 5, 1961, to Marvin James and Alice Belle (Lietch) Slone in Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter, Alejandria Slone of Dededo, Guam; three stepsons, Frankie Santos of Lansing, Mich., and Percy and Eric Santos of Guam; two brothers, Marvin Slone of Mabank, Texas, and Kevin Slone of Willard, Utah; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Shauna and Todd Stringfellow of Jefferson, Tenn., Rhonda Mauer of Nashville, Tenn., Millissa Benson of Auburn; Julia and Jerry Stairhinre of Hicksville, Ohio, and Crystal Hill of Stryker, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Terry and Lonnie Herendeen, a sister, Pamela Herendeen, and his parents preceded him in death.

Graveside services were at Sweet Cemetery, Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to a charity of the donor's choice. Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel were in charge of the arrangements.

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Tommy R. Hagerman, 68

LIGONIER – Tommy R. Hagerman, 68, a resident of rural Ligonier, died at 12;13 a.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there since Thursday.

Mr. Hagerman was born on May 25, 1939 in Jolo, West Virginia, a son of Rosevelt and LouVicy (Vance) Hagerman and moved from Paynesville, West Virginia to Noble County nine years ago.

A coal miner by trade, he was forced to retire in 1986 due to ill health after 28 years of employment with the Pittson Coal Company in Jewel Ridge, Virginia. He was a minister at the Bright Morning Star Baptist Church (Tom Sparks Cemetery Church) at Paynesville, and had been the moderator of the Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier.

In his leisure time he enjoyed fox hunting, riding four-wheelers and most especially enjoyed his children and grandchildren.

His marriage took place in Paynesville, West Virginia on April 19, 1958 to Leah Hicks. She survives.

In addition to his widow, surviving are six sons: Allen (Mary) Hagerman, Stephen (Nancy) Hagerman, Jeffrey (Betty) Hagerman and Michael (Stephanie) Hagerman all of Paynesville, WVa., Anthony (Chrissy) Hagerman of Ligonier and Aaron (Shannon) Hagerman of Chicago; five daughters Ann (Ron) Marshall of Auburn, Sherry (Luther) Hagerman of Ocala. FL., Carolyn (Ernest) Vance of Albion, Deleah (Dennis) Ratliff of Topeka and Tommi Jo (Estil) Pruitt of Ligonier; and a daughter-in-law Tiffany Hagerman of Ligonier; four brothers Henry (Frances) Hagerman of Raysal, WVa., Theodore (Beatrice) Hagerman of Paynesville, WVa., Jimmy (Maria) Hagerman of Jacksonville, FL and Perry (Nancy) Hagerman of Thomasville, NC; two sisters Tennessee Woods of Bradshaw, WVa., and Clara (Charles) Handshoe of Auburn; 46 grandchildren and 20 great granchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters Madelene Hagerman and Ethelene Hagerman; two sons Mark Hagerman and Jonathan Robert Hagerman; a son-in-law Charles Gross; two grandsons Joshua Hagerman and Joseph Hagerman; and four sisters Barbara Hagerman, Celia Woody, Mae Baker and Elizabeth Jane Payne.

Interment will be in the Hagerman Cemetery at Beartown, WVa.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Hagerman's name, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Steven L. Hanlon, 60

PENDLETON - Steven L. Hanlon, age 60, a resident of Pendleton, formerly of Ligonier and Albion, died on September 24, 2007 at Kindred Hospital in Indianapolis, IN.

He was born in Kendallville, Indiana on January 20, 1947, the son of Robert & Carole (Gray) Hanlon.

Survivors include his daughter & son-in-law, Stephanie & Michael Kovaleski; sons & a daughter-in-law, Trever & Marisa Hanlon and Steven Hanlon, Jr.; three grandchildren, William Haab; Clayton Kovaleski and Sydney Kovaleski.

Cremation will take place with services at a later date.

Rozelle Johnson Funeral Service was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association.

E-mailed condolences may be sent to RJFuneralSvc@aol.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Thomas James Miller, 57

KENDALLVILLE – Thomas James Miller, age 57, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly September 30, 2007 in Indianapolis where he was working.

Mr. Miller was born in Kendallville on October 4, 1950 to James O. and Lucy W. (Sherman) Miller.

Tom graduated from East Noble High School in 1969 and entered the United States Army serving his country stateside during the Vietnam War until 1971.

He began his career operating heavy equipment in 1980 and belonged to Local #103, Operating Engineers, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He married Judith L. Wineland on April 28, 2001 in Kendallville.

Tom was a very whitty guy who loved life and hanging out with his friends. He loved NASCAR and all types of racing, his NASCAR decorated garage, country and jazz music and karoke.

Survivors include his parents, Jim and Lucy Miller of Avilla; wife, Judy Miller of Kendallville, son, Jason Trevor Miller of Kendallville; daughter, Lindsey Britt Miller of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters, Jenna Nicole Miller, age 7 and Halle Kay Miller, age 5; two step sons, Scott Leamon of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Jeff Leamon of Boynton Beach, Florida; a step daughter, Alyssa Sanford of Kendallville; five step grandchildren, Erica, Samantha, Shanna Sanford, Gabriel Leamon, and Seth Kalb; three brothers, Mark Allan Miller and wife, Karen of Nobleton, Florida, Jonathan Paul Miller and wife, Charlotte of Avilla, and Matthew David Miller of Sumter, South Carolina; four nephews and four nieces; eight great nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, James O.,Sr. and Marie Miller.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 4, 2007, from 2:00-9:00pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Friday, October 5, 2007 at 1:00pm at Hite Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Preferred Memorials may be made to family for funeral expenses.

View a video tribute (after Thursday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Dr. Kenneth Klooze

ANGOLA — Dr. Kenneth Ward Klooze, 81, of Angola and Sarasota, Fla., died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at Canterbury Nursing Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Dr. Klooze retired in 1987 as head of Lutheran Hospital's Emergency Room Department where he had served since 1971. He started his practice in Fort Wayne in 1956. He helped start Physicians Plaza in 1960. He was appointed medical director of the Northeast Indiana Emergency Medical Services Council and EMS director of the city of Fort Wayne. He served as president of the medical staff of Lutheran Hospital from 1969-70. He served in the Navy during World War II.

He received his bachelor's degree from Moorehead State University, a second bachelor's from the University of North Dakota, and his doctor of medicine from the University of Louisville. In 1971, he received his medical license in the state of Florida. In 1967, he was commissioned with the Kentucky Colonial Award. He was honored by the National Republican Party. He received a certificate in 1962 from the U.S. Power Squadron. He was a member of the national honorary scientific society of Sigma Xi, and a member of the Allen County, state and American Medical Associations. He was also a member of the Great Lakes Naval Choir.

He was born Aug. 21, 1926, in Des Moines, Iowa. He was married to Mary Lou Klooze, who survives.

He was also survived by three sons; three daughters; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Theo Clouse

HUDSON — Theo N. Clouse, 82, of Hudson died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Clouse

Mrs. Clouse worked at Stanadyne in Garrett for 20 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and Tri County Shirts and Skirts Square Dancing Club.

She was born Oct. 8, 1924, in LaOtto, to William Henry and Blanche Marie (Christlieb) Klinger.

She married James Clouse on June 27, 1987, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Linda Joy and Bill Powell of Waterloo, Barbara and Ricky Myers of Waterloo, Marsha and Dave Huguenard of Pierceton, Cindy and Bill Lepley of Waterloo and Annette and Art Timmis of Lima, Ohio; three stepdaughters and their spouses, Debbie and Tom Marker of Montandon, Pa., Dianna and Douglas Miller of Wolcottville, and Darlene and Joe Leaders of LaOtto; a stepson and his wife, William and Paula Clouse of Winter Haven, Fla.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Norman and Gladys Klinger of Fort Wayne and Delphus and Marion Klinger of Garrett; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and John Stoner of Florida and Joan and Ed Slater of Leo; 18 grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a stepson, James Clouse Jr.; two sisters, Florence Edna Klinger and Ellen Savoie; two brothers, Walter Klinger and Jesse Klinger; and two grandsons, Daunte Bryce Powell and Brian Creager.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St. The Rev. Dan White will officiate. Burial will be Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Calling will be at the church Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 1-2 p.m.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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Wayne Ankenbruck

FORT WAYNE — Wayne R. Ankenbruck, 71, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, at Hospice Home.

Mr. Ankenbruck was the former owner of Beltone Hearing Services for 25 years.

Mr. Ankenbruck was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, the Experimental Aircraft Association, AOPA Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association and was a U.S. Air Force veteran and member of the Air Force Reserves. He touched the lives of many with his knowledge of business and flying. He enjoyed the airshows at Osh Kosh, Wis., and Sun-N-Fun. His favorite past time was spent building and flying airplanes. His love of flying began many years ago, and took him on a journey that lead to a dealership with Sea Rey Aircraft of Florida. He loved his seaplane and spent a lot of time flying in and around Lake James. He enjoyed roller-blading, bike riding and walking. He was happiest when doing any type of water activities with his children and grandchildren.

Born in Fort Wayne, he graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1954 and received an associate degree from Indiana Business College.

Survivors include wife Sondra Ankenbruck of Fort Wayne; son, Mark Ankenbruck and his wife, Julie Dee, of Fort Wayne; daughter Vicki Ovitt and her husband, Keith, of Wheaton, Ill.; daughter Brenda; and stepdaughter Tanja of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Jerry Ankenbruck of Fort Wayne, and Ron Ankenbruck and his wife, Cathy, of Lake James; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Mathis and her husband, Jerry, of Fort Wayne; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard J. and Marcella L. Ankenbruck, and a son, Dereck W. Ankenbruck.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Jude Catholic Church, East State Boulevard at Randallia Drive, with the Rev. Thomas Shoemaker officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with a vigil at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association.

Ernest Mercer

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ernest G. Mercer, 79, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, at 3:10 a.m. at Hickory Creek at Hicksville.

Mr. Mercer was a lifelong Milford Township farmer and worked at National Ideal, STM and Dana Corp. Auburn Clutch.

He was a member of the West Milford Church of Christ in Milford Township and a past member of the Farmer American Legion Post 137. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II.

He was born May 30, 1928, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Levi and Agnes Mae (Shull) Mercer.

He married Lola Green on June 1, 1952. She survives.

Also surviving are two sisters, Zora Gordin of South Solon, Ohio, and Rozella Alwood of Auburn; a brother, Thurman Mercer of NewPort, Tenn.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m .at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville. Pastor Larry Weller will officiate. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio, with military honors by American Legion Post 137.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may are to The Gideons or West Milford Church of Christ.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ruby Miller

FORT WAYNE — Ruby Miller, 94, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Pennville, died at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller

She worked for several years at the Bluffton Clinic in Bluffton as a cook.

She moved from Pennville to Florida in 1968 and moved to Fort Wayne in 1984.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1913, in Jay County to Clifford and Nora (Chittum) Lee, who both preceded her in death. She married Claude Hysell in 1935, he died in 1939. She then married Earl Miller on Feb. 6, 1942. He died on Feb. 5, 1996.

She is survived by three sons, C. Glen Miller of Fremont, Cleo Miller of Fort Wayne, and Larry Hysell of Anderson; a daughter and son-in-law, Rosa Lee and Dwight Bentz of Hamilton; a sister, Carolyn Bailey of Adelanto, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Pennville Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home with the Rev. Brad Scott officiating. Burial will follow in the I.O.O.F. Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.williamson-spencer.com.

The family of James M. Sobieski

wishes to express our gratitude and appreciation to: Hite Funeral Home, Frances Vineyard, VFW #2749 Color Guard and Ladies Auxiliary, Rome City American Legion #381, Father Lourdino Fernandes, Fort Wayne and Marion Health Facilities and family and friends who helped us at this difficult time.

**Sincerely,
The Family of
James M.
Sobieski**

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error by this newspaper about relatives.*

Thomas Scott

FORT WAYNE — Thomas Stephen Scott, 68, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Scott had been a welder and had worked in the warehouse at Lincoln Food Service for 12 years.

He had retired in 1990 as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Scott was a member of St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic Church, Foster Parent Association and Knights of Columbus.

He was born Jan. 8, 1939, in Kendallville to Eldon and Anna (Rice) Scott. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Lenore Ruth (Uhrick) Scott of Fort Wayne; 10 children, Ryan Scott and Rachel Scott, both at home, Robert Scott of Churubusco, Timothy Scott, Franklin Tarkington, Jack Hinkson, Stephanie Mosier and Audrey Boggs, all of Fort Wayne, and Edith Gaddis and Gerri Urick, both of Williamsburg, Va.; two brothers, Robert Scott of Arizona and John Scott of LaGrange; three sisters, Margaret Godsell of Kendallville and Ruth Ulrey and Cecilia Schmitz, both of Fort Wayne; 57 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic Church with Father Tom Lanbardo officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic Church.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
October 4, 2007, Thursday

Tommy Hagerman

LIGONIER — Tommy R. Hagerman, 68, of Ligonier died at 12:13 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Thursday.

Mr. Hagerman had moved to Noble County nine years ago from Paynesville, W.Va.

Mr. Hagerman

He had been a coal miner and had been force to retire in 1986 due to ill health after 28 years of employment with Pittson Coal Co. in Jewel Ridge, Va.

Mr. Hagerman was a minister at Bright Morning Star Baptist Church at Paynesville and had been the moderator at the Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier.

He enjoyed fox hunting, riding four-wheelers and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was born May 25, 1939, in Jolo, W.Va., to Rosevelt and LouVicy (Vance) Hagerman. He married Leah Hicks on April 19, 1958, in Paynesville. She survives.

Also surviving are six sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Mary Hagerman, Stephen and Nancy Hagerman, Jeffrey and Betty Hagerman and Michael and Stephanie Hagerman, all of Paynesville, Anthony and Chrissy Hagerman of Ligonier and Aaron and Shannon Hagerman of Chicago; five daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Ron Marshall of Auburn, Sherry and Luther Hagerman of Ocala, Fla., Carolyn and Ernest Vance of Albion, Deleah and Dennis Ratliff of Topeka and Tommi Jo and Estil Pruitt of Ligonier;

a daughter-in-law, Tiffany Hagerman of Ligonier; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Henry and Frances Hagerman of Raysal, W.Va., Theodore and Beatrice Hagerman of Paynesville, Jimmy and Maria Hagerman of Jacksonville, Fla., and Perry and Nancy Hagerman of Thomasville, N.C.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Tennessee Woods of Bradshaw, W.Va., and Clara and Charles Handshoe of Auburn; 46 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Madelene Hagerman and Ethelene Hagerman; two sons, Mark Hagerman and Jonathan Hagerman; a son-in-law, Charles Goss; two grandsons, Joshua Hagerman and Joseph Hagerman; and four sisters, Barbara Hagerman, Celia Woody, Mae Baker and Elizabeth Payne.

Services were held Tuesday at the family home with Carl Slone, Elmer Slone, Rusty Slone and Billy Tuttle officiating.

Additional services were held this morning at Bright Morning Star Baptist Church in Paynesville.

Burial will be in Hagerman Cemetery at Beartown, W.Va.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Alyssa Plummer

KENDALLVILLE — Alyssa Plummer was stillborn Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville to David Clark Plummer Jr. and Rachel Marie (Sprague) Plummer of rural Kendallville.

Surviving with her parents are a sister, Juliana Plummer; maternal grandparents, Mike and Sue Sprague of Ligonier and Linda and Mike Marshall of Ligonier; paternal grandparents, David and Joyce Plummer of Marion; maternal great-grandparents, Margaret "Midge" Marshall of Cromwell, Virgil Burns of Ligonier and Bea Sawicki of Fort Wayne; uncles, Kevin Plummer of Indianapolis, Jason Campbell of Goshen and Daniel Sprague of Ligonier; and an aunt, Katie Moreno of Ligonier.

Graveside services were Saturday at Lake View Cemetery with Mel Harrel officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was handling the funeral arrangements.

Send condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Helene Holmes

KENDALLVILLE — Helene Holmes, 85, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at her residence.

Ms. Holmes retired from S.S. Kresge Dime Store in Elkhart after more than 40 years of employment.

She enjoyed reading.

Ms. Holmes was born in Corunna on Dec. 26, 1921, to Merle L. and Dora Faye (McCullough) Holmes.

Surviving are a sister, Eloise Vachon of Auburn; three nieces, Karen Diehl and her husband, Fred, of Auburn, Darla Krafft of Butler and Julia Grate of Kendallville; four nephews and their wives, Marty and Mary Holmes of Corunna, Neal and Faye Holmes of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Roger Holmes and Larry Holmes, both of Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Homer Holmes and Harry Holmes.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Corunna Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Eliza McNutt

FORT WAYNE — Eliza Ann McNutt, 90, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McNutt was the owner of Publix Restaurant in Kendallville for 15 years, retiring 1982. She had also been cafeteria manager at Montgomery Ward for five years.

She and was a member of St. Lukes Lutheran Church and its sewing group.

Mrs. McNutt was a native of Porter County.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Susan McNutt and James Jr. and Tia McNutt, all of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James McNutt Sr. in 1987; five brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road with Pastor Forrest Van Gundy officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

Harold Stabe

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Stabe, 95, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

A complete obituary will appear in the Saturday edition.

Lavancha Tucker

FORT WAYNE — Lavancha Luanne Tucker, 53, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Tucker was a member of Freimann Square Fellowship in Fort Wayne, and she enjoyed crafts and crocheting.

She was born in Kendallville on Jan. 30, 1954, to Jesse and Hazel B. (Frain) Samples. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are her husband, Charles Knight of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dustin and Osie Tucker and Richard and Shelie Tucker, all of Fort Wayne; three stepchildren, Charles Knight Jr., Keith Knight and Holly Knight, all of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Cody Tackett of Kendallville; three stepgrandchildren, Amiee Knight, Heather Knight and Travis Knight, all of Fort Wayne; five brothers and three sisters-in-law, Gary and Dorla Tucker of Corunna, Donald Tucker of Peru, Dawson Tucker of Kendallville, Dowine and Jand Tucker of Rome City, and Randy and Sharon Tucker of Columbia City; and two sisters, Coleen and Philes Van Shockey of Talcum, Ky., and Trisha and Richard Kelly of Wolcottville.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Marion Tucker, and a sister, Rilla Tucker.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Ron Bodendorf officiating.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Mark Stinson

BLUFFTON — Mark E. Stinson, 84, of Bluffton died at 10:55 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at Christian Care Center.

Mr. Stinson was a lifetime Wells County farmer. He had operated Mark Stinson Fertilizing for 23 years.

He was a member of Liberty Center United Methodist Church, the IOOF Lodge and the Lions Club in Liberty Center.

Mr. Stinson graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1941. He enjoyed golfing, hunting and being outdoors.

He was born Feb. 2, 1923, in Wells County to Manley and Pearl (Gordon) Stinson. He married Betty Baker on June 28, 1941, in Marion. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and Dale Musselman of Bluffton and Kathy and David Lahr of Warren; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jeffery and Susan Stinson of Kendallville, Bruce and Cheryl Stinson of Bluffton and Bradley Stinson of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Brenda Musselman.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Blufton with the Rev. Daniel Helm of Liberty Center United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at the chapel.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Liberty Center United Methodist Church.

Matthew Forton

ROYAL OAK, Mich. — Matthew L. Forton, 26, of Royal Oak, Mich., died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007, near his home.

Mr. Forton was a district manager for a carpet and tile business in Troy, Mich.

He was born Dec. 17, 1980, in Warren, Mich., to Rhonda and Larry Forton. Both survive. She lives in Fremont. He lives in Ferndale, Mich. He was married to Candi Forton. She also survives in Yale, Mich.

Also surviving are a son, Matthew of Yale; grandparents Lois Carter of Fremont, and Carl and Eva Forton of Shelby Township, Mich.; aunts Kim Bigelow of Angola and Pam Barnett of Colorado; in-laws Dean and Patrick Edwards of Yale; three brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law; and god-parents Paul and Pam Thom of Rochester Hills, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Otis Carter, in 1997.

Services were held Monday at the William Sullivan and Sons Funeral Home in Royal Oak. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township, Mich.

Linda Swim

READING, Mich. — Linda Kay Swim, 62, of Reading, Mich., died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, at the Hillsdale Community Health Center.

Mrs. Swim was devoted to her family and loved reading and Bible study.

She was born on Aug. 24, 1945, in Cincinnati to Robert and Catherine (Call) Hogan. Both preceded her in death. She married Timothy Swim on Sept. 7, 1961. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughter and sons-in-law, Tammy and Doug Warstler of Waterloo, Gidget and Robert Fike of Auburn, and Tiffani and Tim VanAuken of Reading; a sister and brother-in-law, Tonya and Tracy Israel of Middletown, Ohio; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert Jr. and Regina Hogan of Amelia, Ohio, and Ronald and Kim Hogan of Angola; four grandchildren and a spouse, Timothy and Megan Warstler, Christie Warstler, Kaylynn Fike and Noah Fike.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Anthony Hogan.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, with the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will follow at West Reading Cemetery.

Calling is today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

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Wayne Ankenbruck

FORT WAYNE — Wayne R. Ankenbruck, 71, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, at Hospice Home.

Mr. Ankenbruck

Mr. Ankenbruck was the former owner of Beltone Hearing Services for 25 years.

Mr. Ankenbruck was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, the Experimental Aircraft Association, AOPA Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association and was a U.S. Air Force veteran and member of the Air Force Reserves. He touched the lives of many with his knowledge of business and flying. He enjoyed the airshows at Osh Kosh, Wis., and Sun-N-Fun. His favorite past time was spent building and flying airplanes. His love of flying began many years ago, and took him on a journey that lead to a dealership with Sea Rey Aircraft of Florida. He loved his seaplane and spent a lot of time flying in and around Lake James. He enjoyed roller-blading, bike riding and walking. He was happiest when doing any type of water activities with his children and grandchildren.

Born in Fort Wayne, he graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1954 and received an associate degree from Indiana Business College.

Survivors include wife Sondra Ankenbruck of Fort Wayne; son, Mark Ankenbruck and his wife, Julie Dee, of Fort Wayne; daughter Vicki Ovitt and her husband, Keith, of Wheaton, Ill.; two daughters, Brenda Ankenbruck of Fort Wayne, and Jill Ankenbruck of Angola; and stepdaughter Tanja of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Jerry Ankenbruck of Fort Wayne, and Ron Ankenbruck and his wife, Cathy, of Lake James; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Mathis and her husband, Jerry, of Fort Wayne; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard J. and Marcella L. Ankenbruck, and a son, Dereck W. Ankenbruck.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Jude Catholic Church, East State Boulevard at Randallia Drive, with the Rev. Thomas Shoemaker officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with a vigil at 4:30 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association.

Donald Graves

FORT WAYNE — Donald L. Graves, 89, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at Nathan Adelson Hospice-East in Las Vegas, Nev.

Born in Wadsworth, Ohio, he was a tool engineer with Robert Shaw Controls for 30 years, retiring in 1981.

Surviving are a stepson, John Lindley of Wilwood, Mo.; and sister-in-law and her husband, Leta and Art Strong of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Donna (Stanford) Graves and Donna (Lindley) Graves.

A chapel service will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ilene Maliszewski

AUBURN — Ilene M. Maliszewski, 83, of Auburn died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007. Arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn.

Milton Bender

FORT WAYNE — Milton L. Bender, 49, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, are pending.

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James Messmann

HUNTERTOWN — James W. Messmann, 79, of Huntertown died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007 at 11:35 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill since July.

Mr. Messman

Mr. Messman was an inspector for International Harvester, retiring in 1980 after 36 years. He was a charter member of Our Hope Lutheran Church in Huntertown, and was a member of the Garrett Eagles Aerie 1357 and the Sons of the American Legion in Monroeville. In his leisure time he enjoyed spending time at the lake, fishing and gardening and especially spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He was born Jan. 17, 1928, in New Haven to Edward and Mary Jane "Mae" (Ward) Messmann, who are both deceased. He spent his early years in New Haven and moved to Huntertown as a young man. He married in Huntertown on July 18, 1949, to Mardell M. Smith, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Corine and Arnold Bailey and LuAnn and Richard Linker, all of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Cathy Messmann and Robert and Kelly Messmann, all of Huntertown; eight grandchildren, Justin Bailey, Shanda Linker, Shane Linker, Nathan and Amy Messmann, Jason Messmann, Angie Messmann, Madison Messmann and Morgan Messmann; and two great-grandchildren, Grace Messmann and Audrey Messmann.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters and seven brothers.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Our Hope Lutheran Church in Huntertown with Pastors Philip Schamehorn and Joe Fichtner officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and at the church one hour prior to the funeral.

Memorials are to Our Hope Lutheran Church & School, 1826 Trinity St., Huntertown, IN 46748 or to the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Harold Worden

ANGOLA — Harry Shannon Worden, 85, of Angola died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007.

Mr. Worden

Mr. Worden joined the U.S. Navy in October 1942 and served as a radio operator on the U.S.S. Finch Destroyer Escort. He was employed by International Harvester for 31 years until his retirement in 1979.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War, all of Garrett, and was an avid golfer, bowler and Florida Gator football fan.

He was born March 31, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Hershal and Myrtle (Shannon) Worden. He married Pauline June Smith on Nov. 15, 1947, and they were together for 58 years until her death on Jan. 31, 2006. In 1980, after he retired, the couple moved to Florida, where Mr. Worden obtained his real estate license.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Linda Worden of Angola and Randy and Diana Worden of Noblesville; and two grandsons, Eric Worden of Fort Wayne and Joel Worden of Noblesville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Jackie, Edward and Richard, and a sister, Wanda.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Burial is in Fairfield Cemetery. Garrett American Legion will conduct graveside military rites.

Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. A Masonic service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

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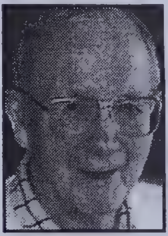
Harold Stabe

KENDALLVILLE — Harold F. Stabe, 95, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Stabe

Mr. Stabe was a Noble County farmer and worked at the Noble County Surveyor's Office. He also was employed with International Harvester and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg factory in Auburn.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville where he helped the treasurer. He was an Angus farmer, a member of the Rollin' Oldies Car Club, loved helping and caring for others, and had a great sense of humor.

He was born in DeKalb County on March 24, 1912, to Frederick Lewis and Maude M. (Haynes) Stabe. He was first married to Lorene B. Hissong on Dec. 30, 1953. She died May 16, 1954. He was later married to Betty Sollenberger Stackhouse on Oct. 21, 1972, and she survives.

Other survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Jim Hagerty of Kendallville and Sharry and Dave Wible of Columbia City; and considered a son and special friend and wife, Fred and Mari Roeder of Tularosa, N.M.; five granddaughters and spouses, Diana and David Ladig of New Haven, Jennifer and Travis Roark of Fort Wayne, Sara and Shawn Schuller of Columbia City, and Lana Snyder and Lisa McDaniel, both of Auburn; three grandsons and spouses, Kevin and Vickie Bortner of Ligonier, Ron and Sandra Bortner of Huntington and Terry and Elizabeth Bortner of Ligonier; 18 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many special friends and caregivers.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Jacqueline M. Snyder; a son, Fredie Lee Stabe; a grandson, Lynn Snyder; and a granddaughter, Vecki Bortner.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Robert Shriner and the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-5 and 6-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the St. John Lutheran Church Alter Guild.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Bortner, Harold "Salty" Casselman, Henry Shull, Bill Sibert, John Clifton and Walt Domer. Honorary pallbearers will be Fred Roeder, John Thrapp and Ed Perkins.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Richard Drake

SPENCERVILLE — Richard J. Drake, 71, of Spencerville died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Drake

Born in Auburn, Mr. Drake worked at International Harvester for 13 years and was a self-employed general contractor.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Kendallville Eagles. He was a Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts and a Little League baseball coach in St. Joe.

Surviving are his wife, Mary E. of Spencerville; nine sons, Raymond Drake of Auburn, Dennis Drake of Florida, Daniel Drake of Spencerville, David Drake of Texas, Randy Drake of St. Joe, Donald Drake of Evansville, John Drake of Indianapolis, Gregg Drake of Leo and William Drake of Spencerville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Rick Wallen of Wolcottville and Sandy and Jim Feller of Hicksville, Ohio; 27 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Patricia Todd of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Claudia Simons, and a brother, Tom Drake.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church Tuesday.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

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Jean McIntosh

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Jean Marie Slough McIntosh, 81, of Charleston, S.C., and formerly of Kendallville, died April 10, 2007.

Mrs. McIntosh was a psychiatric nurse and an elected city judge.

She was born Dec. 20, 1925, in Bourbon, Ind., to Lawrence and Lillian Slough. She graduated valedictorian in 1943 from Bourbon High School and studied nursing at the Methodist Hospital of Nursing in Chicago. She enlisted in the Army Nurses Corps after graduation, but shortly thereafter World War II ended and she was not deployed.

She moved to San Francisco where she met and married Norman Benjamin McIntosh. He died in 1964 and Mrs. McIntosh moved to Kendallville where she raised her four children and later married Nelson Harrod. She worked as a nurse for her two brothers, Dr. Richard Slough and Dr. Thomas Slough and later as a psychiatric nurse at McCray Memorial Hospital.

She was elected Kendallville city judge in 1971 and served two years. An avid bridge player, Mrs. McIntosh was active in Tri-Kappa and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She moved to Charleston, S.C., in 1981 and finished her career at the Psychiatric Institute of University Medical Hospital. She attended Martin Luther Church where she served on the Counsel and was active in the Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA). She taught English as a second language courses at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Beth and Howard Vanderbeck of Charleston, S.C., and Liliane and Stephen Heller of Great Barrington, Mass.; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Ruthie McIntosh of Arlington, Va., and Malcolm and Elizabeth McIntosh of Rochester, Minn.; two brothers, Robert Slough of Philadelphia, Pa., and James Slough of Bourbon; a sister-in-law and niece, Peg Scott and Gretchen Slough of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Alexandra Heller, Nicholas Heller, George Vanderbeck, Victoria Vanderbeck, Monica Vanderbeck, Ellie McIntosh, Madilyn Heller and David McIntosh Jr.

Graveside services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Parks Cemetery at Bourbon with arrangements by Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home in bourbon.

Memorials are for community services to WELCA, c/o Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1605 Harbor View Road, James Island, SC, 29412.

Thank you from the
Nathan O'Dell Family.

We would like to thank all our family and friends who helped make the benefit the success it was: to all those who attended, the individuals and businesses for their donated items and many people who lent their time and energy putting the benefit together.

Nathan passed away the following evening knowing he was loved and supported by many, many people.

Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks to you all.

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Ankenbruck man who loved to fly

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Wayne Ankenbruck is shown in the captain's seat in a boat on Lake James. Ankenbruck loved boating but flying even more.

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BY JIM SHILANDER
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LAKE JAMES — When more than 20 seaplanes flew into Lake James Sept. 23, their way in was cleared, in part, by Wayne Ankenbruck.

Ankenbruck died Wednesday at age 71 at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following a battle with Alzheimer's.

Wayne, his brother Ron Ankenbruck said, was the first to bring in a seaplane on the lake, doing so more than 20 years ago. Flying, his brother said, was always a passion for Wayne.

"When I was a kid my brother Jerry, myself and Wayne would all sleep in the same room. Wayne would make these airplanes out of little sticks and cover them with paper. I would wake up and he'd have hung a bunch of planes right above my head from the ceiling," Ankenbruck said.

Airplanes would be a part of Wayne Ankenbruck's entire life. He served in the Air National Guard, and his brother said, convinced him to join the service as well. He inspired other family members to get into aviation as well, as a grandson, Justin, serves in the Air Force, a nephew, David, flies planes and his son-in-law Keith has purchased his own plane after becoming interested through Wayne. From building airplanes with sticks and paper eventually came another hobby, and later, a job.

Ankenbruck, his brother said, would build his own airplanes using kits he purchased.

"They would come in thousands of pieces that he'd have to put together," Ankenbruck said. "He was a perfectionist with this stuff, and you couldn't afford not to be, since he flew all of his own planes."

Later in life, Wayne took a job selling planes for Progressive Aerodyne, a company in Orlando. The head of the company, Wayne Richter, said he and Ankenbruck became good friends over their shared first name. He said Ankenbruck's passion for flying made him a good salesman.

"He sold over 40 planes, probably more than anyone we've ever had," Richter said. Richter said when they would see each other at air shows, particularly one in Osh Kosh, Wis., and his love of flying was evident for all to see.

"He had a passion for flying, but he'd also just love to talk about the planes. He was a real hustler, in the sense that he worked very hard," Richter said. "He gave really personal service. Everyone really liked Wayne."

Richter said he was also struck by Ankenbruck's commitment to his health, including eating healthy. During the air shows they attended, he said, Ankenbruck would come only with a bag of carrots, which he would eat all day.

Ron Ankenbruck said his brother was very regimented in his fitness habits.

"He'd get up every morning at 4 or 5 a.m. to do sit-ups and pushups, he was very focussed on having a flat stomach. He took really good care of himself."

In addition to his passion for aircraft, Ron said, Wayne loved the water.

Ankenbruck owned several boats and would indulge in a form of water skiing that showed off his fitness and mechanical skills, Ron said.

"He would take piece of plywood, and cut a big circle out of it. Then he would sit on a wooden chair, just a regular old wooden chair, and he'd be water skiing while sitting in the chair. Then he would pull the rope to make himself do a 360. That was his favorite trick. I've never seen anyone out there do that," he said.

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Anita Marie Sapp

ANGOLA — Anita Marie Sapp, 85, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sapp

A former Angola resident, Mrs. Sapp was a homemaker, and was formerly employed at Suttons Grocery in Angola for 10 years, Angola Scotts Grocery and General Electric in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed bowling and was a member of Angola Christian Church.

She was born Nov. 15, 1921 in Garrett, to Clyde L. and Clara (Gritschke) Ervin. She married Louis David Sapp in June 1945. He preceded her in death in 1963.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth James and Jodie L. Sapp of Ashley; one daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Robert L. Draeger of Fort Wayne; a sister, Helen Pence of Bryan, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she also was precded in death by her parents; a son, Glenn David Sapp, in 1995; and two brothers, Charles and Paul Ervin.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the donor's choice of any United States veterans organization.

Robert Stiver

NOBLESVILLE — Robert "Bob" C. Stiver, 60, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, surrounded by his children at his home.

Mr. Stiver worked at Frank's Nursery for over 20 years and loved gardening and the outdoors. He described the last six years as the best of his life, when he lived with his son, daughter-in-law and three grandsons. He loved spending time with his family, especially his four grandchildren. He was a friend and teacher to all who knew him.

Mr. Stiver was born Jan. 30, 1947, to Robert and Ruth (Kanning) Stiver in Fort Wayne. He was raised in St. Joe. He moved to Noblesville to raise his own family and lived there his remaining days.

Surviving are his mother, Ruth Stiver of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janean and Ryan Kinzie of Noblesville and Wendy and Nathan Smith of Carmel; one son and daughter-in-law, Derek and Carol Stiver of Noblesville; one sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Jim Craig of St. Louis, Mo.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Shawn Stiver of Fort Wayne, Denny and Cindy Stiver of Auburn and Rick and Sue Stiver of Edgerton, Ohio; four grandchildren, Robert, Trevor, Collin and Lauryn; and many loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A memorial service will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 11965 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Arrangements entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals in Noblesville.

Online condolences may be posted at www.wagnerfamilyfunerals.com.

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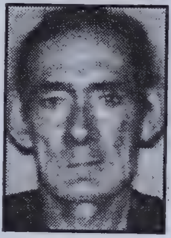
John Rose

KENDALLVILLE — John Rose, 62, of Kendallville died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, at home.



Mr. Rose

Mr. Rose enjoyed spending time with family and taking trips in the summer to family reunions. He loved to go deer hunting, camping, boating and fishing. He also enjoyed collecting baseball cards and arts and crafts.

Mr. Rose was employed with Dexter Axle in Albion for 19 years.

He was born in Clintwood, Va., on April 25, 1945, the son of James E. and Lula Pearl (Mills) Rose. He married Avanelle Rae "Abby" Bales on Nov. 9, 1974, in Bluffton. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Crystal Lewis, Tina Belcher and Angela and Kenneth Alford, all of Kendallville; a son, Jonathan Rose of Decatur; 11 grandchildren, Tessa Rose-Preston, Montana Lewis, Abigail, Scotty and Dakota Belcher, Michael, Anna and Alexis Belcher, Chantelle Rose, Carlos and Dixie Whitt; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Robert E. and Mary Ellen Rose of Shendoah, Va., Troy Lee Rose and Kenneth Jr. and Sabrina Rose, all of Clintwood, Va. and two sisters, Bernice Wimer of Timberville, Va. and Susie Wise of Big Stone Gap, Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Henry Roger Rose in July 4,1981, and infant siblings Anna Marie, Jetti Mae, Carson, Billyetta and Baby Rose.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Joel Stanley officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Rose family.

A video tribute will be available after Monday and condolences may be sent online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

The following obituary is being republished to correct errors.

Harry Worden

ANGOLA — Harry Shannon Worden, 85, of Angola died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007.

Mr. Worden

Mr. Worden joined the U.S. Navy in October 1942 and served as a radio operator on the U.S.S. Finch Destroyer Escort. He was employed by International Harvester for 31 years until his retirement in 1979.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War, and was an avid golfer, bowler and Florida Gator football fan.

He was born March 31, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Hershal and Myrtle (Shannon) Worden. He married Pauline June Smith on Nov. 15, 1947, and they were together for 58 years until her death on Jan. 31, 2006. In 1980, after he retired, the couple moved to Florida, where Mr. Worden obtained his real estate license.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Linda Worden of Angola and Randy and Diana Worden of Noblesville; and two grandsons, Eric Worden of Fort Wayne and Joel Worden of Noblesville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Jackie, Edward and Richard; and a sister, Wanda.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, with Chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Burial is in Fairfield Cemetery. Garrett American Legion will conduct graveside military rites.

Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. A Masonic service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

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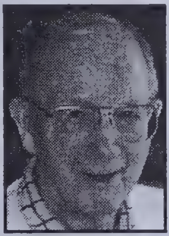
The following obituary is being republished to correct errors.

Harold Stabe

KENDALLVILLE — Harold F. Stabe, 95, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Stabe

Mr. Stabe was a Noble County Angus farmer and worked at the Noble County Surveyor's Office. He also was employed with International Harvester and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg factory in Auburn.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville where he helped the treasurer. He was a member of the Rollin' Oldies Car Club, loved helping and caring for others, and had a great sense of humor.

He was born in DeKalb County on March 24, 1912, to Frederick Lewis and Maude M. (Haynes) Stabe. He married Lorene B. Hissong Dec. 30, 1933. She died May 13, 1964. He later married Betty Sollenberger Stackhouse Oct. 21, 1972, and she survives.

Also surviving are: two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Jim Hagerty of Kendallville and Sharry and Dave Wiehe of Columbia City; and considered a son and special friend and wife, Fred and Maria Roeder of Tularosa, N.M.; five granddaughters and their spouses, Diana and David Ladig of New Haven, Jennifer and Travis Roark of Fort Wayne, Sara and Shawn Schuller of Columbia City, and Lana Snyder and Lisa McDaniel, both of Auburn; three grandsons and their spouses, Kevin and Vickie Bortner of Ligonier, Ron and Sandra Bortner of Huntington and Terry and Elizabeth Bortner of Ligonier; 18 great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; and many special friends and caregivers.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Jacqueline M. Snyder; a son, Fredie Lee Stabe; a grandson, Lynn Snyder; and a granddaughter, Vicki Bortner.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Robert Shriner and the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-5 and 6-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the St. John Lutheran Church Alter Guild.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Bortner, Harold "Salty" Casselman, Henry Shull, Bill Sibert, John Clifton and Walt Domer. Honorary pallbearers will be Fred Roeder, John Thrapp and Ed Perkins.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kalene Hamman

AUBURN — Kalene Hamman, 65, of Auburn died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007 at her daughter's home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hamman was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1960.

She was born July 18, 1942, to E.M. "Bud" and Mary A. (Stoy) Axtell. She married Richard Hamman Sept. 10, 1960, in Auburn. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mitchell A. and Mary Jo Hamman of Fishers; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann M. and Lacy Taulbee of Auburn; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Theresa and Rodney Guinn of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Mary Jean Warstler of Auburn; four grandchildren, Megan, Jill and Ben Hamman and Noah Glick; three step-grandchildren, Dawn McClanahan, Dana VanAuken and Jeremy Glick; one great-granddaughter, Zoey; and five step-great-grandsons, Lukas, Josiah, Matthew, Justin and Parker.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary will be recited at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Church or masses.

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DeBurl Foulk

FREMONT — DeBurl David Foulk, 31, of Fremont died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, in Marcellus Township, Mich.

Mr. Foulk

Mr. Foulk was a family consultant at Lifeline Youth and Family Services in Kendallville.

He was a 1995 graduate of Fremont High School and a 2000 graduate of Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Mich. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, coaching, playing softball and was a great husband and father. He was a former basketball and baseball player at Fremont High School and was a member of the Cornerstone University baseball team. He attended Sonlight Community Church in Angola. He was active as a basketball coach in the Fremont schools, and had also been a youth baseball coach for summer Koufax teams in Fremont.

He was born Oct. 4, 1976, in Angola to David and Judy (Miller) Foulk. They both survive in Fremont. He married Alyshia Bair on May 20, 2000, in Marcellus. She also survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Eve and Claire Foulk of Fremont; a son, Brody Foulk of Fremont; two sisters, Melissa Hyre of Fremont and Christina Foulk of Minneapolis; five nieces and nephews; two grandmothers, Anna Jean Foulk and Dora Martin, both of Fremont; and a mother and father-in-law, Stephen and Vicki Bair of Marcellus, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two grandfathers, Ralph DeBurl Foulk and Dale Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sonlight Community Church in Angola. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the DeBurl D. Foulk Children's Education Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneral-home.com.

Fremont man dies in fall from tree stand

MARCELLUS TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Authorities say a 32-year-old hunter from Indiana died after falling from a tree stand in southwest Michigan.

The Cass County Sheriff's Department says DeBurl D. Foulk of Fremont died after falling Friday night in Marcellus Township.

Foulk was a family consultant at Lifeline Youth and Family Services in Kendallville.

The accident is under investigation.

A full obituary appears today on Page A4.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error provided to this newspaper.*

Anita Sapp

ANGOLA — Anita Marie Sapp, 85, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sapp

A former Angola resident, Mrs. Sapp was a homemaker, and was formerly employed at Sutton's Grocery in Angola for 10 years, Angola Scott's Grocery and General Electric in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed bowling and was a member of Angola Christian Church.

She was born Nov. 15, 1921, in Garrett to Clyde L. and Clara (Gritschke) Ervin. She married Louis David Sapp in June 1946. He preceded her in death in 1963.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth James and Jodie L. Sapp of Ashley; a daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Robert L. Draeger of Fort Wayne; a sister, Helen Pence of Bryan, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she also was precded in death by her parents; a son, Glenn David Sapp, in 1995; and two brothers, Charles and Paul Ervin.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the donor's choice of any United States veterans organization.

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Ruth Jones

BUTLER — Ruth M. Jones, 86, died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, at Wesley HealthCare in Auburn.

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones was a bookkeeper at the Butler Co. and worked for several years at Peoples Federal in Auburn.

She loved refinishing furniture, reading, doing needlepoint, tending to her flowers and spending time with her family. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Dec. 30, 1920, in Auburn to Orla E. and Clarissa Bihr.

She married John D. Jones on April 12, 1941, in Bryan, Ohio. He died July 31, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Christina Jones of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Yvonne and Lowell King of Waterloo; five grandchildren and their spouses, Tammy and Jim Akins of Auburn Janelle Wilson of Ashley, Barbie and Bill Randolph of Angola, Melissa King of Waterloo and Jon King of Waterloo; a sister, Rosalyn Keesler of Elkhart; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Reba Payne.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center Missions Fund.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

H. Donald Foster

INDIAN LAKE — H. Donald Foster, 81, of Indian Lake, northwest of Corunna, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Foster was a lifetime DeKalb County resident.

He had retired from G&L Corp. of Fort Wayne after more than 20 years of service.

Mr. Foster enjoyed gardening and taking care of his yard. He also enjoyed being around the lake and fishing.

He was born in Kendallville on Aug. 24, 1926, to Harry and Hazel Foster. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Janet Foster of Indian Lake; a daughter, Beverly Watts of Portsmouth, Ohio; a sister, Evelyn Putt of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Bill Jr. and Dawn Watts of Dunn, N.C., Tina and Mike Barnett of Salyersville, Ky., and Martha Thompson, Bonnie Lyon, Hazel Hodge and Virginia Watts, all of Portsmouth; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Arlene Poppy, and an infant brother.

Private family funeral services were held at Hite Funeral Home. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Alison Hart

MIDDLEBURY — Alison Elizabeth Hart, 18, of Middlebury died at 2:48 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend from injuries sustained in an automobile accident earlier that day on S.R. 4 between Middlebury and Goshen.

Miss Hart

She was a senior at Northridge High School where she was an honor student.

She was working part time at the Millersburg Animal Clinic. She loved horses and was involved with the 4-H Fair Saddle Club.

She will be remembered for love of life and her smile.

She was born Sept. 16, 1989, in Elkhart to Bryant and Michelle (Puckett) Hart. They survive in Middlebury.

Also surviving are two sisters, Ashley and Jaime Hart, both of Middlebury; a brother, Jared Hart of Middlebury; a special friend, Steve Stutzman of Middlebury; grandparents, Jerry and Sally Hart of Middlebury, Kathy Kilmer of Goshen and Ernest Puckett of Shipshewana; and great-grandmothers, Bessi Eash of Goshen and Stella Puckett of Nicholasville, Ky.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Keith Kilmer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at River of Life Fellowship Church, corner of S.R. 13 and S.R. 120, with the Rev. Rich Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the 4-H Fair Saddle Club.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Barbara Stoltz

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., — Barbara Jean Stoltz, 85, of Mount Vernon and formerly of Topeka died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, at Country Side Manor in Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Stoltz was a homemaker and member of the Topeka United Methodist Church.

She was born Nov. 26,1921, in Imlay City, Mich., to Edward and Edyth (Meade) Keating. She married Thad T. Stoltz Oct. 29, 1949. He died July 22, 1998.

Surviving are a son, David Stoltz of Los Angeles, Calif.; a brother, Robert Keating of Detroit, Mich.; two granddaughters, Christa Wease and Tiffany Wood; and a great-granddaughter, Kelby Lynn Wood of Mt. Vernon.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Debbie.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Topeka United Methodist Church with the Rev. Diana Siegel officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be one hour prior to service.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Robert Geesaman

FORT WAYNE — Robert E. Geesaman, 82, died peacefully Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home on Homestead Road, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Geesaman graduated from Central High School in 1943 and attended DeVry Technical University.

He was a Boy Scout leader, church choir member, coach of a church basketball team and played in a community orchestra. He taught Sunday school and confirmation classes and was a Sunday school superintendent for Simpson United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed fishing, listening to music, watching football and talking with people. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren and was involved in each one's special interests. His four-month-old great-grandson was his delight.

He had jobs with the News-Sentinel and Sears before he began working for what was then known as the Pennsylvania Railroad. His work for the railroad lasted for more than 40 years. He retired in 1987 as a supervisor.

He resided at Arbor Glen Retirement Center with his wife, Mary. During his stay there, he was asked to be a deacon and accepted that role with his usual grace.

He was born in Portland, Ind., in 1925 to James L. and Adahbelle Geesaman.

He met Mary E. Emenhiser in 1944, and they began 60 years of marriage on Sept. 28, 1947. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, eight grandchildren and their wives and husbands, and, recently, his first great-grandson. They are Ken of Noblesville and his son, Joshua, of Indianapolis; Kerry and Sue of Greenwood and their children, Kory and his wife, Rachel, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Lindsey and her husband, Andy, of Greenwood; Kevin and Stacy of Fort Wayne and their children, Whitney of Fort Wayne; Tyler of Fort Wayne; Karl and Debbie of Leesburg, Ala.,and their son, Adam, and his wife, Cameron, and a great-grandson, Austin Edward of Noblesville, and Aric of Indianapolis and Allison of Leesburg, Ala.; a brother, Will Geesaman of Leesburg, Fla., and a sister, Pat Snyder, of Oregon, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jim Geesaman.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph United Methodist Church. Pastor Russ Abel will officiate. Burial will be in North Scipio Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph United Methodist Church, Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Martha Folken

HUNTERTOWN — Martha E. Folken, 79, of Huntertown died at 8:20 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at Canterbury Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Folken

She had been employed for several years as medication aide at Byron Health Center, retiring from there in 1990.

She was a lifetime Huntertown resident.

Ms. Folken loved crocheting, cooking, baking, crafts and was an avid IU basketball fan.

She will be remembered for her generosity, sense of humor and for baking pecan pies.

She was born April 22, 1928, in Huntertown to Henry and Laura (Eby) Byerley. They are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lauralee Aven of Fort Wayne and Susan and Scott Wermie of Tucson, Ariz.; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Linda Aven of Huntertown; an "adopted" daughter, Imogene Nusbaum-Snyder of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Agnes Scoot and Hilda Spangle, both of Huntertown; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Josephine Fosnaugh; and three brothers, Eugene Byerley, Clifton "Bill" Byerley and Richard Byerley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Phillip Emerson, pastor of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsanchilds.net.

Harold Hecht

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Hecht, 95, of Mulberry and formerly of Kendallville died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, at Mulberry Health and Retirement Center near Lafayette.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Helen Christopher

MARION — Helen Claire Christopher, 78, of Marion died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at The DeWolfe House surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Christopher had retired after 20 years from J.C. Penney.

She enjoyed golfing, playing cards and spending time at the Marion Senior Center as a "Senior Stepper." She also loved to spend time friends at St. Mary Church.

She was born on Jan. 28, 1929, in Potosi, Mo., to Frank "Dutch" and Ruth (Henry) Lore. She married Thurman "Chris" Christopher on June 20, 1953, in Encino, Calif. He died April 25, 1990.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Timothy D. and Kathy Christopher of Albion, Randall L. and Bea Christopher of Baytown, Texas, and James A. Christopher of Lebanon, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary S. and Steve Miller of Marion, 10 grandchildren, Justin Christopher, Joe Christopher, Jim Christopher, Amy Wood, Matt Christopher, Erin Cowen, Kaitlyn Christopher, Drew Christopher, Maggie Miller and Elizabeth Miller; and two sisters, Marge Trubia of Palm Desert, Calif., and Bernice Lore of Potosi, Mo.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Roxy Steincamp of California, and a brother, Donald Lore of Missouri.

Services were today at St. Mary Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Mary Church or Heartland Hospice of Marion. Gunder/Hall & Folk Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at GunderHall-Folk@aol.com.

Robert Hendricks

FORT WAYNE — Robert N. Hendricks, 82, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at his home.

Born in Auburn, he was a metallurgist with Joslyn/Slater Steel for 38 years, retiring in 1991.

He was a member of Fort Wayne Christian Church Disciples of Christ and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He enjoyed collecting antique clocks and was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and Purdue.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Carol Hendricks of Ballwin, Mo., four daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Richard Johnson of Naperville, Ill., Carolyn and Robert King of Auburn, Julia and Mark Arnold of Indianapolis and Nancy and Thomas Butcher of Fort Wayne; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Suzanne Zeisloft of Auburn and Carol and Jon Carpenter of Leo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly, in 1998.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne. Pastor Neil Allen will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Christian Church.

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Woman charged in fatal crash

Stephanie Hall accused of vehicular manslaughter in passenger's death

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Hall

ALBION — A Fort Wayne woman has been charged with involuntary manslaughter with a vehicle, according to Noble County court and jail records.

Stephanie A. Hall, 22, turned herself in at the Noble County Jail Monday, according to jail records. She was booked and released on $4,500 bond.

The charges stem from an Aug. 12, 2005, crash that took the life of Tesah Thieme, 20, of Kendallville, according to court records.

Hall is charged with the Class D felony offense in Noble Superior Court I. The charge was formally filed Sept. 26, court records indicate.

On Aug., 12, 2005, Hall allegedly was driving westbound and passed two other westbound vehicles on a hill on Waits Road east of Kendallville at a high rate of speed when her car collided with a mail carrier's vehicle. The car flipped in the air over a third vehicle.

Thieme was a passenger in Hall's vehicle, as was Shawn A. Leonard, then 20, of Kendallville. Hall and Leonard were ejected from the vehicle when it flipped, but Thieme was trapped inside when it landed and burst into flames and became fully engulfed.

Hall and mail carrier Janet Vian, then 52, of Waterloo were airlifted to Fort Wayne hospitals for their injuries. Leonard was treated and released at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

The charge against Hall alleges that she killed another human being while attempting to commit criminal recklessness with a vehicle, which posed a serious risk of bodily injury, and that the killing resulted from operating a vehicle, court records say.

Court documents allege that Hall's car was traveling at between 67 and 87 mph at the time of the crash.

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M. Charlotte Baden

BRYAN, Ohio — M. Charlotte Baden, 92, of Bryan, Ohio, died Sunday, Oct. 7. 2007, at the Community Hospital of Williams County in Bryan.

She worked at the Community Bank of Napoleon, Ohio, for 16 years as the assistant cashier. She also worked at Dinner Bell Foods for 22 years in data processing, retiring in 1985.

She was a past member of the Eastern Star in Napoleon. She was a piano and organ teacher to many children in the Fairview School District. Her hobbies included knitting, crocheting and playing the organ. She passed down her talent and love of crafts to all of her children and grandchildren. Her love for life was one of the greatest gifts she passed down to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She graduated from Napoleon High School in 1933. She was an organist at the Napoleon Methodist Church for 15 years and also at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherwood, Ohio, where she was a member for 39 years.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1915, in Liberty Center, Ohio, to Wendell and Leone (Bowers) West. She married Albert Baden on June 1, 1947. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and Robert Albertson of Defiance, Ohio, Susan and William Essman of Angola, and Julie and Gregory Seibert of Defiance; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Janet Baden of Sherwood; 10 grandchildren, Bethanne Woodbury of Defiance, Melissa Turner of Bryan, Christopher Tawney of St. Petersburg, Fla., Kylee and Kait Seibert of Defiance, Joe, Jordan and Max Essman of Angola, Prudence Miller of Sherwood, Anessa Davis of Dublin, Ohio; eight great-grandchildren, Brittany Ely of Bryan, Will Turner of Bryan; Tyler and Emily Woodbury of Defiance, and Nathan and Lauren Davis of Dublin; two nieces and their husbands, Arlene and Richard Carse of Texas, and Mindy and Kenny Slawinski of Napoleon; three nephews and one wife, Tom Brubaker, and Randy and Diane Deblin of Napoleon, and Ted Brubaker of Bellvue, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter, Mary Olga; a sister, Harriett Brubaker; and a stepsister, Virginia Deblin.

Services will be at a later date at the Krill Funeral Home in Bryan.

There is no calling.

Preferred memorials are to the Hospice of Williams County, Ohio.

Online condolences may be sent to www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Ronnie Herendeen

SAN ANTONIO, Fla. — Retired Army Master Sgt. Ronnie L. Herendeen, 62, of San Antonio died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Tampa, Fla.

Mr. Herendeen's military career spanned 27 years.

He served in the Army in military posts throughout the world and was a Vietnam War veteran.

Mr. Herendeen had received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He had also received many other medals including a Meritorious Service medal.

He enjoyed fishing, golfing, hunting and bowling.

He was born Feb. 11, 1945, in Kendallville to Donald and Laura Herendeen. He had married Dorothy Beckwith, Diane Rowland and Sandy Bean.

Surviving are a daughter, Rhonda Hrendeen of Tampa; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Scott and Karen Herendeen of Kendallville, Brett Herendeen of Columbia, S.C., and Ross and Brad Herendeen, both of Gainesville, Ga.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Evert Smith of Bronson, Mich., Carol and Jerry Alexander of Kendallville and Lorna and Ron Lopshire of Lebanon, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Larry Herendeen and Alvin Herendeen; and a grandchild.

Military funeral services are pending.

Veterans Funeral Care in Clearwater, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest registry at www.veteransfuneralcaren.com.

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Henry Smith

HOWE — Henry Smith, 91, of Howe died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was a lifetime member of the Howe area and a retired farmer.

Mr. Smith was a member of English Prairie Brethren Church and the Brighton High School class of 1934.

He was born on Oct. 2, 1916, in Howe to James and Lula (Creech) Smith. He married Vivian M. Parish on Aug. 17, 1941, in Ontario. She preceded him in death on Dec. 11, 2006.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Sam T. and Linda Smith of West Chicago, Ill.; two grandchildren, Lia and Luke Smith of West Chicago, Ill.; and a brother, James Smith Jr. of Osage Beach, Mo.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Myrtle Krontz; and a brother, Ova E. Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at English Prairie Brethren Church in Howe with the Rev. Sam T. Smith, Rev. Dwight Kauffman and the Rev. Ray Barkey officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Christian Peacemaker Teams.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Olan Krontz

AVON PARK, Fla. — Olan R. Krontz, 70, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, at the Oaks of Avon in Avon Park, Fla.

Mr. Krontz

Mr. Krontz graduated from Butler High School and served in the U.S. Navy.

He was employed by Auburn Gear in Auburn and resided in Phoenix, Ariz., Fort Lauderdale and Avon Park, Fla.

He liked to fish and hunt, was witty and had a great sense of humor. He loved to work with and be around people. He was employed at Tractor Supply in Sebring, Fla. He enjoyed telling stories and remembering his old friends in Indiana.

He was born Oct. 25, 1936, in Butler to Basil and Rosa (Rollins) Krontz.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce Krontz of Avon Park; a son, Olan Jr. of Lancaster, Ky.; a sister, Dolores Armstrong of Auburn, and an aunt, Edna Haffner of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lynn, who died in infancy.

No services are planned.

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home of Avon Park, Fla. is handling arrangements.

Theresa Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Theresa M. Miller, 70, of Shipshewana died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital after a brief battle with cancer.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a registered nurse. She had worked at LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange and for Dr. John Egli in Topeka.

She had moved to LaGrange in 1969 from Philadelphia. Mrs. Miller was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange

She was born on April 12, 1937, in Erie, Pa., to Felix and Julia (Falkowski) Kaminski. She married Fred J. Miller on Nov. 4, 1959, in Philadelphia, Pa. He survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Tiffany Miller of Topeka; five grandchildren, Rebecca, Brock and Emily Miller, Kaylee Schrock and Kiah Baker; three nieces, Rebecca Fredrickson, Deirdre Gilmore and Suzan Baybura; and three nephews, Paul Bell, Has Baybura and Erol Baybura.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange with Father Mark Weaver officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with a rosary at 6 p.m.

Memorial are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be submitted to the family online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Kendallville, IN
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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Matthew Forton

YALE, Mich. — Matthew L. Forton, 26, of Yale, Mich., died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007, near his home.

Mr. Forton

Mr. Forton was a district manager for a carpet and tile business in Troy, Mich.

He was born Dec. 17, 1980, in Warren, Mich., to Rhonda and Larry Forton. Both survive. She lives in Fremont. He lives in Ferndale, Mich. He was married to Candi Forton. She also survives in Yale, Mich.

Also surviving are a son, Matthew of Yale; grandparents Lois Carter of Fremont, and Carl and Eva Forton of Shelby Township, Mich.; aunts Kim Bigelow of Angola and Pam Barnett of Colorado; in-laws Dean and Patrick Edwards of Yale; three brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law; and godparents Paul and Pam Thom of Rochester Hills, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Otis Carter, in 1997.

Services were Monday at the William Sullivan and Sons Funeral Home in Royal Oak. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township, Mich.

Paul Larimer

GOSHEN — Paul Edson Larimer, 80, of Goshen died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Larimer

Mr. Larimer was a rural letter carrier for the Postal Service in LaGrange from 1950-1981.

He had moved to Goshen in 1995 from LaGrange where he had lived since 1949.

He was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps veteran.

Mr. Larimer was a member of the 1st Church of the Brethren in Sebring, Fla., and a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange. He was also a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans in Elkhart.

He was born on Oct. 31, 1926, in Millersburg to John E. and Irma (Chrisman) Larimer. He married Margaret Adele Francis on Feb. 19, 1950, at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange. She survives in Goshen.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Larry Simpson of Lafayette; a son and daughter-in-law, Stanley E. and Diane Larimer of Goshen; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Peggy Gallahue of Wabash and Marilyn Gray of Satsuma, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepmother, Nellie Larimer; and a sister, Phyllis Weaver.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Brown's Cemetery in Millersburg.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Jacqueline Deveau

FREMONT — Jacqueline Rose (Clark) Deveau, 82, of Fremont died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Deveau was a homemaker. She served with the Navy during World War II.

She loved reading, traveling, crocheting and knitting, but most of all loved being with her family.

She was born April 17, 1925, in Fort Wayne. She was married to Roger Deveau Sr. He died in 2001.

She is survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Roger A. Deveau Jr., John and Kay Deveau, James and Becki Deveau, and David and Mary Deveau; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Michael Statler; a brother, Charles Clark; two sisters, Barbara Lyons and Carol Oncina; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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Harold Hecht

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Hecht, 96, of Mulberry and formerly of Kendallville died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, at Lutheran Villa Nursing Home in Mulberry with his family by his side.

Mr. Hecht

Mr. Hecht had been a carpenter and employed in the construction industry all of his life.

He graduated in 1929 as the valedictorian at Salem Center High School in Steuben County where he was a member of the basketball team.

Mr. Hecht was a member of the U.S. Army and a World War II veteran. He trained in tanks at Fort Knox and was a member of the Army 745th Tank Battalion that landed at Omaha Beach and worked its way through the Battle of the Bulge to Czechoslovakia. He received a citation of honor for pulling a fellow soldier from a burning tank.

Upon his return home from the war, Mr. Hecht resumed his construction and carpentry occupation throughout northeast Indiana. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna and many times during his life helped to remodel the church.

He was born near Helmer on June 30, 1911, to Edwin and Kathrine "Kitty" (Glasgow) Hecht. He married Lucille Hilda Hasselman on March 17, 1934, at the Zion Lutheran Church parsonage. She died on July 23, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Lynn and Ann Hecht of Bruceville, Ind.; five grandchildren, Dr. Aaron Hecht of Indianapolis, Dr. Kimberly and Jeff McDonough of Jamestown, R.I., and Kristine and Gerald Ripke, Kevin and Julie Ply, and Andrew Hecht, all of Lafayette; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce Joan on May 3, 1995, and William Ply; a brother, Willard Hecht; and two sisters, Amy Kline and Grace Beaulieu.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to include new information.*

Ruth Jones

BUTLER — Ruth M. Jones, 86, died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, at Wesley HealthCare in Auburn.

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones was a bookkeeper at the Butler Co. and worked for several years at Peoples Federal in Auburn.

She loved refinishing furniture, reading, doing needlepoint, tending to her flowers and spending time with her family. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Dec. 30, 1920, in Auburn to Orla E. and Clarissa (Bihr) Thiel.

She married John D. Jones on April 12, 1941, in Bryan, Ohio. He died July 31, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Christina Jones of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Yvonne and Lowell King of Waterloo; five grandchildren and their spouses, Tammy and Jim Akins of Auburn Janelle Wilson of Ashley, Barbie and Bill Randolph of Angola, Melissa King of Waterloo and Jon King of Waterloo; a sister, Rosalyn Keesler of Elkhart; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Reba Payne.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center Missions Fund.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Thank You

The Family of Jay Rowlison would like to express our sincere appreciation for the numerous cards, visits, prayers and food provided to our family during Jay's recent illness and death. In addition, we would like to thank the Young Family Funeral Home for their caring and excellent service. A special thanks to Pastor Scott Pattison for all his visits and prayers and comforting message at Jay's funeral. Thank you to the ladies of Trinity Methodist Church for the wonderful funeral dinner, the VFW for the graveside services and American Legion Post 86 for serving as pallbearers. A big thank you to all for your kind, considerate and thoughtful gestures.

Sincerely,
Donnabelle Rowlison & Family

James Burns

GARRETT — James R. Burns, 69, of Garrett died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Burns retired from Holsum Bakery in Illinois and moved to Indiana one year ago.

He enjoyed his Mustang convertible and going to car shows.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara (Byanski) Burns; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly Burns of Plainfield, Ill., and Kandice and Christopher Matthews of Houston, Texas; a granddaughter, Mackenzie Matthews, also of Houston; a sister and brother-in-law, Roberta and Ernst Miraldi of Westchester, Ill.; nieces and nephews Michelle and Ernst Miraldi Jr.; a brother, Richard Burns of Berwyn, Ill.; a sister-in-law, Sandra Byanski Kotek and a brother-in-law, Thomas Kotek of Lemont, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Anita (Eck) Burns.

Private services were held. Northeast Indiana Cremation Society of Fort Wayne handled arrangements.

John Pierce Sr.

Mr. Pierce Sr.

BUTLER — John W. Pierce Sr., 87, of Butler was laid to rest Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007, in Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell, Fla., with military honors by the Florida National Guard. He died Feb. 21, 2007.

"Bill," as he was known to all, served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines in World War II. He was a bugler in the 8th Cavalry and a private first class .

Surviving are his wife, E. Marilyn of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, John Pierce Jr. and Phyllis Pierce of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Jerry Monarch of Florida; his grandsons, Perry Patterson of North Carolina, Shane Patterson and his wife, Loy, of Montana and Gary Pierce of Butler; a granddaughter and her husband, Stacey and Scott Boxberger of Waterloo; and two great-grandchildren, Jeffrey and Paige Boxberger of Waterloo.

Gerald Bellis

ANGOLA — Gerald J. Bellis, 72, of Angola, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Bellis was retired from Dana-Weatherhead in Angola.

He was born on July 11, 1935, in San Diego, to Louis and Zelma (Robnett) Bellis, who both preceded him in death. His wife, Virgnia (Basey) Bellis, died in 1997.

He is survived by two sisters, Florence Howard of Tuscola, Texas, and Shirley May of Iron Mountain, Mich.; a sister-in-law and her spouse, Carol and Roger Cannon of Angola; a niece, Jeannette Rinard of Angola; and a nephew, Jerry Hendrix of San Diego.

Services will be held graveside at 11 a.m. Friday in Mount Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Steuben County, with Joan North officiating.

There is no calling.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge or arrangements.

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Kendallville, IN
October 10, 2007, Wednesday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

DeBurl Foulk

FREMONT — DeBurl David Foulk, 31, of Fremont died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, in Marcellus Township, Mich.

Mr. Foulk

Mr. Foulk was a family consultant at Lifeline Youth and Family Services in Kendallville.

He was a 1995 graduate of Fremont High School and a 2000 graduate of Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Mich. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, coaching, playing softball and was a great husband and father. He was a former basketball and baseball player at Fremont High School and was a member of the Cornerstone University baseball team. He attended Sonlight Community Church in Angola. He was active as a basketball coach in the Fremont schools, and had also been a youth baseball coach for summer Koufax teams in Fremont.

He was born Oct. 4, 1976, in Angola to David and Judy (Miller) Foulk. They both survive in Fremont. He married Alyshia Bair on May 20, 2000, in Marcellus. She also survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Eva and Claire Foulk of Fremont; a son, Brody Foulk of Fremont; two sisters, Melissa Hyre of Fremont and Christina Foulk of Minneapolis; five nieces and nephews; two grandmothers, Anna Jean Foulk and Dora Martin, both of Fremont; and a mother and father-in-law, Stephen and Vicki Bair of Marcellus, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two grandfathers, Ralph DeBurl Foulk and Dale Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sonlight Community Church, 269 S. C.R. 200W, Angola, with the Rev. Tim Perry officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Alyshia Foulk for the DeBurl D. Foulk Children's Education Fund, care of Beams Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 10, 2007, Wednesday

Stephen Theodore Wariner, 49

OREGON – Stephen Wariner of Sisters, Oregon died in a traffic accident in Pyles Canyon outside of Union, Oregon, Friday evening, September 28. Celebration of Life Services will be held on October 20th at 2:00 pm at the Chapel In the Pines, Camp Sherman, Oregon.

Stephen was born in Fairbanks, Alaska August 9, 1958 to Lee Roy and Norma Wariner. He graduated from Diamond High in Anchorage and joined the Ironworkers Local and worked as a journeyman through the states of Alaska, Hawaii and Washington. He then crabbed and fished commercially in the Bering Sea. Later he started his own business building homes.

He married Dorothy Gallowa-Wariner June 23, 2006 in the Valley of Fire, Las Vegas, Nevada. They resided in Sisters, Oregon. He joined the Ironwokers Local 29 and was working at the Telocaset wind farm erecting the power windmills. He was living temporary in North Powder, Oregon while working on this job.

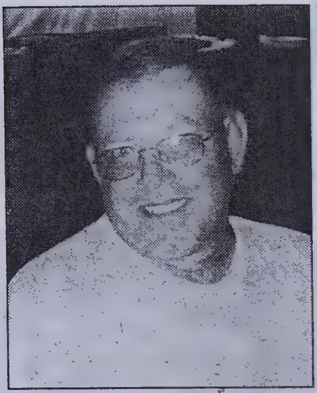
Stephen was very creative and artistic and enjoyed building and creating custom furniture. He loved riding his horse Max and playing with his dog Murdock as well as spending his free time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Gallowa-Wariner of Sisters, Oregon; mother Norma Wariner of Anchorage, Alaska; brothers Wade Wariner of Wasilla, AK and Ronald Wariner of California; sister Phyliss Burney of Palmer, AK; three children, Timothy Wariner of Anchorage, AK, Stephanie Krontz of Albion, Indiana and a step-son Kyle Benzo of Sisters, OR; one grandson, as well as several Aunts and Uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth Street, LaGrande, OR 97850 in c/o Stephen Wariner. Donanations will be set aside for education expenses for his children and grandchild.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 10, 2007, Wednesday



David C. Tuttle, 60

ALBION – David C. Tuttle, 60 passed away Tuesday, October 2 at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

He was born June 15, 1947 in New Castle, Indiana to Robert F. and Virginia (Rhodes) Tuttle. Both parents are deceased.

On August 24, 1969 he married Linda Kennedy at Arlington Christian Church in Arlington Indiana. They moved to the Albion area from Rushville 22 years ago. She survives in Albion.

Mr. Tuttle was a welder at Dana in Syracuse where he was a UAW Member. He retired from there after 32 years of service.

He loved being outdoors, playing darts and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was a member of the Arlington Christian Church.

Survivors besides his wife, Linda include his son: Michael Tuttle of Ft. Wayne; daughter: Missy (Chris) Bair of Churubusco; brother: John Tuttle of Ft. Wayne; three grandsons: Kyle David, Marc William and Brad Michael Bair; two nieces: Tiffany (Jacob) Bruner and Cari (Andy) Mallet of Greenfield IN.; one nephew: Robert Tuttle of Ft. Wayne and a great aunt: Harriett McClarnon.

Services were held October 6, 2007 at Brazzell Funeral Home. Pastor Jeff Hipley officiated. burial took place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials go to Northridge Village Nursing Home.

Condolences may be posted at brazzellfuneralhome.com

Helen Christopher, 78

MARION — Helen Claire Christopher, 78, of Marion died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at The DeWolfe House surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Christopher had retired after 20 years from J.C. Penney.

She enjoyed golfing, playing cards and spending time at the Marion Senior Center as a "Senior Stepper." She also loved to spend time with friends at St. Mary Church.

She was born on Jan. 28, 1929, in Potosi, Mo., to Frank "Dutch" and Ruth (Henry) Lore. She married Thurman "Chris" Christopher on June 20, 1953, in Encino, Calif. He died April 25, 1990.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Timothy D. and Kathy Christopher of Albion, Randall L. and Bea Christopher of Baytown, Texas, and James A. Christopher of Lebanon, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary S. and Steve Miller of Marion, 10 grandchildren, Justin Christopher, Joe Christopher, Jim Christopher, Amy Wood, Matt Christopher, Erin Cowen, Kaitlyn Christopher, Drew Christopher, Maggie Miller and Elizabeth Miller; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Marge Trubia of Palm Desert, Calif., and Bernice Lore of Potosi, Mo.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Roxy Steincamp of California, and a brother, Donald Lore of Missouri.

Services October 8, 2007 at St. Mary Church. Burial took place in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Mary Church or Heartland Hospice of Marion. Gunder/Hall & Folk Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at GunderHallFolk@aol.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 10, 2007, Wednesday

June V. Miller, 91

AVILLA — June V. Miller, 91, of Avilla and formerly of Garrett died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007, at 8:25 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Miller was a teacher in the East Allen Community School Corp. for 20 years, retiring in 1980. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. She had been the organist at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett for 20 years, from 1955 to 1975, and worked at the American Red Cross for 20 years.

She was born June 2, 1916, in Fort Wayne to Edward N. and Mary (Stogdill) Jones. They preceded her in death.

She married C. Maurice Miller in 1938. He died Dec. 22, 1982.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Peggy Miller of Garrett, David and Kay (McKee) Miller of Santa Clarita, Calif., Tony and Betsy Miller of Carmel and Tom and Terry Miller of Carmel; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thaddeus Miller.

Services were in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla. Father Daniel Leeuw officiated. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to Masses at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

To send a condolence or sign the online register book, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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October 11, 2007, Thursday

Christina Christian

KENDALLVILLE — Christina Ann Christian, 45, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, at her apartment in Kendallville.

Mrs. Christian

Mrs. Christian liked to play board games and watch television. She enjoyed spending time with her dog, Missy.

She was born Dec. 15, 1961, in Kendallville to Charles LeRoy Sr. and Priscilla Ann (Carroll) Boehme.

Surviving are her father, Charles Sr. and Mary Ellen Boehme of Elkhart; her mother, Priscilla Ann and Robert Witt Jr. of Hudson; a daughter, Jessica Lynn Christian of Kendallville; a brother, Charles Jr. and Monica Boehme of Waterloo; two sisters, Charlotte Annette and Edgar Caudill Jr. of Angola and Carroll Lee Tackett of Hudson; four nieces, Jenny Spencer of Boston, Mass., Netta and Wayne Jess Jr. of Avilla, and Tara and Amber Boehme, both of Kendallville; two nephews, Tori Tackett of Hudson and Ashley Tackett of Avilla; and a great-nephew, Kyle Spencer of Boston.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Tabitha Marie Boehme, on Nov. 30, 1980.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the House of Prayer, S.R. 327 south of Corunna, with the Rev. Phil Puckett officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute (after Friday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Kimberly Johnson

FORT WAYNE — Kimberly L. Johnson, 50, of Fort Wayne and Crooked Lake, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson was an employee of Lutheran Hospital for 30 years.

She was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church, a graduate of Indiana University where she was a medical technologist, life member of Alpha Gamma Delta and American Legion Post 409 Leo Auxiliary. She loved traveling, reading and cross stitching. She will be missed by her friends at Crooked Lake from Cap's Mobile Home Park.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Johnson of Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kelly Johnson of Fort Wayne, and Holly and Scott Uetrecht of Leo; her mother, Barbara Miller Porter; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Val Porter of Fort Wayne; grandchildren Corey and Eric; and nieces and nephew, Cassie, Jeremy, and Jillian.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Porter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Doug officiating. Burial is in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials to Shriner's Hospital for Children, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Concordia Lutheran Church.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 11, 2007, Thursday

Nina Lester

HAGERSTOWN — Nina Rose Lester, 83, of Hagerstown died unexpectedly Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, in Reid Hospital.

Mrs. Lester had lived most of her life in the Hagerstown area.

She was baptized in Locust Grove Church of the Brethren.

She was born in Logansport on Feb. 13, 1924, to Emmett and Dolly (Wolford) Brunner.

Surviving are her husband of 67 years, Lawrence Lester; five children and their spouses, Larry and Kathy Lester, Diana and John Norton, Susie and Mike Sprague, Gary and Barb Lester and Michael Lester; eight grandchildren, Tony Lester, Jon Lester, Jason Campbell, Rachel and Dave Plummer, Brandon Lester, Ryan Lester, Christopher Lester and Jenny and Willie Moore; three great-grandchildren, Juliana Plummer, Alyssa Lester and Miranda Moore; several nieces and nephews; and beloved friends, Andy and Lee Lumpkin, Robin Denhart and Dell and Jean Mitton.

Private graveside services will be conducted at West Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown, is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Smith

ANGOLA — Charles Q. Smith, 79, of Angola, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, in Butler.

Mr. Smith was a foreman at the Union Carbide Chemical Plant for 40 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, as well as the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born Nov. 20, 1927, in Hammond, to Phillip and Pauline (Paylo) Smith, who both preceded him in death. He married Lorraine Gnass on Oct. 16, 1948. She died Oct. 11, 2006.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dale Q. and Jeanne Smith of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Michael Van Westen of Angola; a brother, Donald Smith of Calumet City; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Richard Smith; and a sister, Dorthea Raskowsky.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, with the Rev. David Doane officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Saturday, prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church, Mooseheart and the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
October 11, 2007, Thursday

NO OBITUARIES LISTED IN THIS NEWSPAPER

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 12, 2007, Friday

Zelma Roe

SYRACUSE — Zelma Roe, 97, of Syracuse died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse following a month-long illness.

Mrs. Roe was a homemaker and had previously worked at Smoker Craft until her retirement in 1970.

She has been a Jehovah's Witness since 1957 and enjoyed talking about the Bible to others. She also enjoyed doing crossword puzzle and taking care of her cat.

She was born June 1, 1910, in Syracuse to Charles and Catherine Stuckman. She married Wilbur Roe in September 1930. He died in 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Marilyn Roe of Ligonier and Larry and Jeanette Roe of Syracuse; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters and a brother.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Cromwell Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1990 N. C.R. 1200W, Cromwell, with Richard Cline officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Real Services of Kosciusko County or the Cromwell congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for the Remodeling Fund.

Kline Funeral Home in Millersburg is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald Winebrenner

JANESVILLE, Wis. — Gerald E. Winebrenner, 54, of Janesville, Wis., died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Winebrenner was born in Garrett on Dec. 19, 1952, the son of Donald Howard and Eunice Joyce (Bonnell) Winebrenner.

He graduated from Purdue University and moved to Janesville in October 1997 from Kokomo. He had been employed by General Motors for over 15 years and was a member of UAW Local 95 and Christ Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Winebrenner

He married Debra J. White on July 1, 1979, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Christian Winebrenner of Janesville and Jeremiah and Naomi Winebrenner of Madison, Wis.; his mother, Eunice Joyce Winebrenner of Auburn; a sister, Donna O'Dell of Auburn; and an uncle, Robert Winebrenner of Garrett.

His father preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Christ Presbyterian Church with the Rev. David King officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be held Monday from 4-7 p.m. at Schneider Apfel Schneider & Schneider Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Middle East Reformed Fellowship.

To read an online obituary and sign a registry, visit www.schneiderfuneraldirectors.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 13, 2007, Saturday

Kenneth Ebert

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth C. Ebert, 79, of Churubusco and formerly of Green Township in Noble County, died unexpectedly at 11:09 a.m. Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Ebert spent his formative years in Fort Wayne and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following his military discharge, he was married on May 26, 1950, in Fort Wayne to Roberta J. "Bert" Liggett. The couple lived in Green Center for 48 years until moving to Churubusco in 2005. His wife preceded him in death on Dec. 21, 2005.

He was employed at Essex Wire in Fort Wayne for a number of years and later retired in 1990 from General Electric Co. He also was engaged in farming in Green Township and was a member of the Fort Wayne Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1927, in Allen County to Charles and Juanita (Hollopeter) Ebert, who are both deceased.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Steven Smith of Tucson, Ariz., and Terri and Kenneth Sperone of Fort Wayne; a son, Ronnie L. Ebert of Columbia City; and four grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a grandson and a sister, Margaret Bailey.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Timothy Grable, pastor of Sugar Grove Church of God, officiating. Entombment is in the mausoleum at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne with military graveside rites.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Monday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Chester Davis

WINCHESTER — Chester A. Davis, 92, of Winchester died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007, at Randolph Nursing Home.

Mr. Davis lived in the Winchester area for many years before moving to Angola and then back to Winchester. He retired from the Ball State University Carpentry Shop in 1981.

He was born in Beloit, Wis., on Oct. 8, 1915, the eighth child of Elmer and Estella (Eskew) Davis, who are both deceased. He was the last descendant of his family's generation.

Survivors include his wife, Julia V. (Rutledge) Davis; three sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Patti Davis and Charles and Jenny Davis, all of Winchester, and Richard and Wanda Davis of Rudolph, Wis.; four daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Rod Carpenter of Winchester, Alice and Paul Franks of Portland, Sandra and Frank Potter of Churubusco and Darlene and Richard Hart of Parker City; six stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Frances and Willie Brandenburg of Winchester, and Judy and George Neutz, Martha and Dave McCoy, Faye and Gary Musser, Shirley and Brice Wellons and Pat and Bill Pierce, all of the Angola area; 61 grandchildren; 72 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of 47 years, Dorothy M. (Small) Davis of Park City, three brothers and four sisters.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Voice for Christ Church in Winchester with the Rev. Mike Konkle officiating. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery in Maxville.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Walker Funeral Home, 248 E. South St., Winchester.

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Donald L. Bacon

ASHLEY — Donald L. Bacon, 99, of Ashley and North Fort Myers, Fla., died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Bacon worked at the Ashley Post Office as a rural mail carrier from 1944 until he retired in the late 1970s. Before that he worked at the Kroger warehouse at Fort Wayne and then started working at the Fort Wayne Post Office as a clerk on May 26,1937.

A graduate of Central High School and the International Business College, he was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge.

He was born on March 23, 1908, in Madison Township in Allen County to William and Bessie Bacon. He was married to Margaret Alice Phipps for 49 years, until her death in 1979. He then married Leora Blair, who passed away after 20 years of marriage.

Surviving are a son, Richard Bacon of Ashley; a brother, Dr. Arg Bacon of Honolulu, Hawaii; one sister, Vivian Stark of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dr. Robert J. Bacon; and a sister, Genevieve Gulley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Gilbert Dilley officiating. Burial will be at Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rescue Mission in Fort Wayne, Multiple Sclerosis or a charity of the donor's choice.

Sherry L. Marten

FREMONT — Sherry L. Marten, 53, of Fremont died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at her residence in Fremont.

Mrs. Marten worked as a waitress for the last five years at the Bull Pen Restaurant in Fremont. She formerly worked at the former Mid-Town Cafe in Fremont.

She enjoyed her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a wonderful waitress, and was a very kind and friendly person. She was the type of person that you could share a joke or story with.

Her hobbies included collecting Beanie Babies and Elvis memorabilia. She was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge.

Mrs. Marten

She was born on June 1, 1954, in Auburn to Lewis and Alice (Springer) McCartney, both are deceased. She married Doyle R. Marten on June 28, 1969, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rick and Chris Marten of Fremont and Kurt Marten, all of Fremont; four stepsons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Lori Marten of Fremont, Danny Marten of Fremont, Doyle R. Marten Jr. of Michigan, and Cecil Martin of Angola; three stepdaughters and a son-in-law, David and Stephanie Jorn of Fremont, Tammy Snyder of Angola, and Sherry Lynn Fraley of Fremont; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda and Ed Ransbottom of Fremont, and Sharon McCartney of Arkanas; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Mark and Cheryl McCartney of Avilla, Daniel and Tammy McCartney of Avilla, Randy and Toni Westbrook of Butler, and Andy McCartney of Arkansas; a daughter-in-law, Bobbie Marten of Fremont; 19 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchidren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Timothy L. "Tim" Marten on March 3, 2000.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Chaplain Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or Parkview Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Virginia Keefer

FORT WAYNE — Virginia Weiss Keefer, 87, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Mongo died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Keefer

Mrs. Keefer was the co-owner of Weiss Trucking in Mongo.

She had moved to Fort Wayne in 1999 from LaGrange County.

Mrs. Keefer had attended a Fort Wayne cosmetology college and had worked in Angola and Kendallville.

She was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church, Quincy Chapter 12 of the Order of Eastern Star in Quincy, Mich., and a former member of the Mongo United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Keefer was born on Nov. 6, 1919, in LaGrange County to Jacob E. and Afton L. (Sowers) Dunbar. She married Leon Richard Weiss on July 5, 1941. He died on Aug. 5, 1977. She then married Charles Keefer on Nov. 24, 1977, in Sturgis, Mich. He survives in Sturgis.

Also surviving is a daughter Debra Notestine of Angola; two granddaughters, Carmen Shepard and Heather O'Malley; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Robert W. and Dean Dunbar.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials may be made to Mongo United Methodist Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com

Daniel Roerig

MONTPELIER, Ohio, — Daniel A. Roerig, 46, of Montpelier, Ohio, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at his home, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Since 1995, he and his wife were the co-owners and operators of Fackler Monument Co. of Montpelier.

He was a 1980 graduate of Montpelier High School, and a graduate of RENZ Technical Institute of Toledo, Ohio. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Montpelier, and was presently serving as a Grand Knight of the Montpelier Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the Montpelier Rotary Club, Montpelier Moose Lodge, the National Rifle Association and Pheasants Forever. He was a mentor to many Montpelier youth over the years. A talented musician, for many years he was the drummer and vocalist with the Wishful Thinkin' Band of Montpelier.

He was born on July 20, 1961, in Fergus Falls, Minn., to Agnes (Cuffe) and George Roerig. Both survive in Montpelier. He married Andrea Wages on Aug. 18, 1984. She also survives.

Also surviving are a son, Zachary George Roerig of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a daughter, Emily Roerig of Montpelier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry and Kim Roerig of Kettering, Ohio, and Paul and Cindy Roerig of Montpelier; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Janice Roerig and partner Char Chrissman of Columbus, Ohio; Judy and Mike Barron of Angola; Midge and Joe Blake of Montpelier; and Michelle and Bill Yosick of Omaha, Neb.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Nicholas Roerig, on June 5, 1998; and an infant sister, Mary Frances Roerig.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Montpelier, with the Revs. Charles Ritter and Fred Duschl officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 9 p.m. at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home in Montpelier. A scripture service will be held there at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Margaret Sinwelski

LAGRANGE — Margaret V. Sinwelski of LaGrange died at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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Marie Norris

LAGRANGE — Marie E. Norris, 88, of LaGrange died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Norris had moved to LaGrange in 1944 from Middlebury.

She was a retired school bus driver for Lakeland School Corp.

Mrs. Norris was a member of LaGrange First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

She was born on Jan. 29, 1919, in Middlebury to Eugene and Ada (Smoker) Showalter. She married Linton G. Norris on March 24, 1940, in Middlebury. He preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Waneta and Richard Foltz of Shipshewana; a granddaughter, Katrina Pruitt of Topeka, a grandson, Korwin Foltz of Shipshewana; two great-grandchildren, Logan and Tanner Pruitt; and a nephew, Harold Showalter of Atlanta, Ga.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert K. Showalter.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Harvey Chupp officiating. Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Gideons or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Tester

Mrs. Tester

WATERLOO — Ruth A. Tester, 67, of Waterloo died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tester was a homemaker. She also worked at Magnavox Corp. and in real estate.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, the Kendallville Eagles and the New Haven Moose Lodge.

She was born March 2, 1940, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are three children, James Lynn Wolfe of Auburn, Jerry Dean Wolfe of South Milford, and Steve Allen Wolfe of Garrett; two brothers, James Goings of Brommell, Pa., and John Goings of New Haven; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

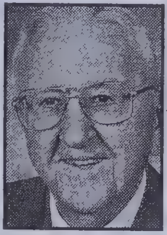
She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond E.; a son, Larry Wolfe; a granddaughter, Nicole Gipple; and three brothers, Fred Goings, Donald Goings and Gerald Goings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Gerald Pierce



Mr. Pierce

KINGMAN, Ariz. — Gerald M. Pierce, 87, of Kingman died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, in Kingman.

A native of Stroh, Mr. Pierce had worked at Frigidare Co. in Dayton, Ohio, and at Farnsworth Co. in Fort Wayne before moving to California to work at General Dynamics.

He has served as an airplane mechanic in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He was stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, and in Hawaii following attack on Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Pierce was a member of College Park Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

He was born May 19, 1920, in Stroh to Robert and Alma (Forst) Pierce. He married Ruth Rigg. She died in March.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Paul Holmes of Kingman; a sister, Kathryn Reed of Stroh; a brother, Frank Pierce of Stroudsburg, Pa.; a brother-in-law, Norman Reed of Stroh; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Service were held in Kingman.

A memorial service for Gerald and Ruth Pierce will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lake Bethel Cemetery in Stroh with the Rev. Mike Hamm of the Church of Christ in Stroh officiating.

Memorials are to College Park Baptist Church, 1990 Jagerson Ave., Kingman, Ariz., 86409 or KRMC Hospice, 1790 Sycamore No. 5, Kingman, Ariz.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information and to correct information from the funeral home.*

Sherry Marten

FREMONT — Sherry L. Marten, 53, of Fremont died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at her residence in Fremont.

Mrs. Marten

Mrs. Marten worked as a waitress for the last five years at the Bull Pen Restaurant in Fremont. She formerly worked at the former Mid-Town Cafe in Fremont.

She enjoyed her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a wonderful waitress, and was a very kind and friendly person. She was the type of person that you could share a joke or story with. Her hobbies included collecting Beanie Babies and Elvis memorabilia. She was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge.

She was born on June 1, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Lewis and Alice (Springer) McCartney, both are deceased. She married Doyle R. Marten on June 28, 1969, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rick and Chris Marten of Fremont, and Kurt Marten, all of Fremont; five stepsons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Lori Marten of Fremont, Danny Marten of Fremont, Doyle R. Marten Jr. of Michigan, Cecil Marten of Angola, and David and Stephanie Jorn of Fremont; two stepdaughters, Tammy Snyder of Angola, and Sherry Lynn Fraley of Angola; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda and Ed Ransbottom of Butler, and Sharon McCartney of Arkansas; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Mark and Cheryl McCartney of Avilla, Daniel and Tammy McCartney of Avilla, Randy and Toni Westbrook of Butler, and Andy McCartney of Arkansas; a daughter-in-law, Bobbie Marten of Fremont; 19 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Timothy L. "Tim" Marten on March 7, 2000.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Chaplain Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or Parkview Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Kaye Patterson

PLEASANT LAKE — Kaye F. Patterson, 61, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Patterson

She worked in the office at Dana Weatherhead in Angola for 20 years, and at Halex in Hamilton for 11 years.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, the Angola Moose Lodge No. 1568, Angola American Legion Post No. 81, and VFW Post No. 7205 in Angola.

She was born May 31, 1946, in Fort Wayne, to Francis and Gertrude (Elston) Roy, who both preceded her in death. She married John Patterson on Aug. 24, 1979, in the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Daniel Krabach of Fort Wayne, and Suzette and John Arnold of Coldwater; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Shane Taylor of Fort Wayne, and Michael and Jenny Patterson of Halmstead, N.C.; a stepbrother and stepsister, Harry Hodde and Sandra Hodde, both of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Private graveside services will be Thursday.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the S.P.C.A.

Condolences are to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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John Kochert

FORT WAYNE — John F. Kochert, 79, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kochert was born in Fort Wayne and was a 1946 graduate of North Side High School. He was a construction superintendent with Sheets and Sons for 41 years.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Maritime Service and the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the Spencerville Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 356 and Concord Masonic Lodge 556. He was involved with Mizpah Shrine since 1974, a member of the Foot Patrol since 1991 and Scottish Rite and 32nd Degree since 1960.

He was a lifetime member of the Carpenters Union Local 232, Fort Wayne.

He enjoyed time with his family and loved Indiana University basketball and the Chicago Bears.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Kochert of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, John W. and Angelia Kochert of Fort Wayne and Tim B. and Rhonda Kochert of Windsor, Colo.; a daughter, Shirley McLaughlin of Omaha, Neb.; his grandchildren and their spouses, Kelly and Gary Rowland of Fort Wayne, Matt and Diana Kochert of Fort Wayne, Carrie and Ben Guffey of Windsor, Colo., Kristen Kochert and Keith Kochert of Windsor, Colo., Theresa Mechura of Elyria, Ohio, Katie Cinfuno of Owasso, Okla., Becky Allen of Papillion, Neb., and Chris McLaughlin of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Preshard, and a grandson, Mike McLaughlin.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m. and a Masonic service following.

Memorials are to Shrine Children's Hospital.

Joseph Harshman

ANGOLA — Joseph A. Harshman, 63, of Angola died at his home on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, with his family at his side. He had battled lung cancer for over a year.

Mr. Harshman

Mr. Harshman retired from the Steuben County Sheriff's Department in 2005 after 18 1/2 years of service. He started the work release program for Steuben County and was its supervisor until his retirement.

He was born Oct. 26, 1943, in Huntington, the son of William and Leota (Obenour) Harshman. He graduated from Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1973 and pastored churches in Alabama, Illinois and Indiana.

Surviving are his wife, Janice (Nettleman) Dempsey, two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Rhonda Harshman and Joseph Jr. and Ruth Harshman; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sonja and Jerry Ringham of Evansville, and Sally and Tom Sebert of Chandler; his stepson and daughter-in-law, Mark and Sherrie Dempsey of Pleasant Lake; seven grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; his sisters, Patty Wilson, Carolyn Daily, Janice Harshman and Janet Harshman; and his brother, Larry Harshman.

He was preceded in death by a stepson and six brothers and sisters.

According to his wishes, cremation will take place. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association. The Kolcz Funeral Home of Bronson, Mich., is assisting handling the arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.kolcz.com.

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2-car crash kills Whitley County man

COLUMBIA CITY — A Columbia City man was killed Saturday after the car he was riding in crashed into a Columbia City Police Department squad car.

James Mays, 21, was killed in the crash, according to police.

Kaycee Bills, 16, of Columbia City was driving west on Raber Road in Whitley County at about 3:06 p.m. when she crested a hill and lost control of the vehicle. She struck an eastbound squad car.

Bills suffered a broken jaw, back and hip and was taken to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The officer driving the police car was treated for a cut on his head, according to police.

Regina Mahan

FORT WAYNE — Regina Mahan, 85, of Crooked Lake, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday Oct. 11, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was retired from the General Electric Co., where she worked for 32 years.

She was a member of the G.E. Quarter-Century Club, and St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola. She enjoyed sewing and quilting.

She was born in Paulding County, Ohio. She married Jack Mahan on May 16, 1955. He died in 1991.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judith Mahan of Fort Wayne, Jacqueline and Steve Mitchell of Angola, Regina "Jeannie" and Scott Stellhorn of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve Mahan, and Anthony Mahan and Dawn Letner of Fort Wayne; a sister, Gertrude Didion of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers, Raymond, Al, Lawrence, Bernard and Louis Didion.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Joseph Gaughan officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Maplewood Cemetery in Decatur.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, as well as one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Carolyn Moon

Mrs. Moon

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn Marie Moon, 63, formerly of Kendallville, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, in Auburn.

She enjoyed making crafts and crocheting as well as going camping with her family and friends.

Mrs. Moon was born in Kendallville on Sept. 4, 1944, to James J. and Katherine M. (Arnold) Bunn. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and Paul Pine of Mooresville, N.C., and Starr and Martin Lechleidner of Waterloo; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald Terrill Jr. of Goshen, Asa Flint and Deborah Parks of Fort Wayne and David Flint of Corunna; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Trina and Greg Amburgey of Kendallville and Melanie and Danny Perkins of Rome City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Carolyn Bunn of Westler Lake, Wolcottville, and James and Karen Bradigan of Pleasant Lake; a sister and brother-in-law, Ronda and Rocky Barrand of Fremont; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her fiance, Daniel Harley Jr. in March 2007; a brother, Jerry L. Bunn in 1943; and her stepfather, Francis Bradigan.

Private family services will take place.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lisa Withrow

KENDALLVILLE — Lisa Ann Withrow, 37, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, in Kendallville.

Ms. Withrow graduated from Warsaw High School. She attended First Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Ms. Withrow was born in South Bend on May 1, 1970, to Sammy M. and Michelle (Ingle) Crider.

Her father survives in Lakeland, Fla She was preceded in death by her mother, Michelle Crider.

Services will be at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

William Soboslay

KENDALLVILLE — William J. Soboslay Sr., 74, of Kendallville died at 11 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Dorothy Shepherd

INVERNESS, Fla. — Dorothy Hall Shepherd, 93, of Inverness and formerly of Jay County and Little Turkey Lake at Stroh died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007, at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness.

Mrs. Shepherd had moved to Florida in 1995.

She was a member of Stroh Church of God.

Mrs. Shepherd was a licensed practical nurse and did private family nursing in Fort Wayne for 12 years. She then worked at Electric Motors in Garrett for 11 years and retired from there in 1976.

She was born June 25, 1914, in Boundary City in Jay County to Pearl and Grace (Lindley) Hall. She married Kenneth O. "Peanut" Shepherd on March 14, 1931. He died April 12, 1994.

Surviving are four daughter and three sons-in-law, Phyllis and Donald Amari and Peggy and Harold Lykins, all of Inverness, and Wanda Sires and Kaye and Loren Kelley, all of Hernando, Fla.; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Shepherd of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Frieda Hall of Madera, Calif.; 23 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday at the Portland Chapel of the Wlliamson and Spencer Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Eads officiating. Burial was in Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant.

Memorials are to the Church of God in Inverness, Fla.

Condolences may be sent online to www.willamson-spencer.com.

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Kyle Skelly

AUBURN — Kyle G. Skelly, 20, of Auburn died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Skelly

Mr. Skelly worked for IKG in Garrett.

He was born Feb. 18, 1987, in Fort Wayne. His father, Gregory A. Skelly, survives in Auburn. His mother and stepfather, Suzanne (Wiedman) and Barry W. Dibble, also survive in Auburn.

He married Erica M. Openlander on Oct. 20, 2006. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two children, Makayla J. and Parker J. Skelly, both at home; three brothers, Jason Winget of Green Springs, Ohio, Joshua Winget of Bellevue, Ohio, and Adam Dibble of Auburn; two sisters, Nicole Cowan of Harlan and Madison Skelly of Auburn; a brother-in-law, Ryan Openlander of Waterloo; his grandparents, Margaret and Jon Thiel of Auburn, John and Lois Skelly of Fort Wayne, Frank and Marlyn Wiedman of Fort Wayne and Marylou Dibble of Auburn; and a great-grandfather, Earl Skelly of Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Erica, Makayla and Parker Skelly.

Kathy Jo Wheeler

AUBURN — Kathy Jo Wheeler, 45, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wheeler was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 28, 1961, in Auburn to James Haverstock Sr. and Linda (Roose) Haverstock. Her father survives in Butler, and her mother preceded her in death.

She married Randy L. Wheeler on Jan. 29, 2001, in Auburn. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chad Aron and Lyndsay Haverstock of Auburn; two daughters, Misty Nicole Haverstock and Stacie Lynne Haverstock, both of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Jackie Haverstock of Butler and Rick and Tanya Haverstock of Hamilton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Tammy Haverstock and Gary Kreicher of Edgerton, Ohio, and Robin and Jon Wallace of Butler; and four grandchildren, Gracie Leigh Payton, Ethan Chad Haverstock, Destinee K. Fike and Kaid McPheeters.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Russ Howard will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Irene Myers

CORUNNA — Irene S. Myers, 90, of Corunna died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 5, 1917, in Corunna to Emery and Mattie (Knox) Friend. They preceded her in death.

She married Kenneth F. Myers on June 23, 1940, in Auburn. He died June 4, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn Myers of Corunna and Margery and Richard Norris of Auburn; two brothers, George Friend and Stanley Friend, both of Corunna; two stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Myers, and a brother, Jairus Friend.

A private family service will be at a later date with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children, St. Mark's Lutheran Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

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Ronald Deetz

GILROY, Calif. — Ronald William Deetz, 62, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, surrounded by numerous loved ones.

Mr. Deetz

He was a husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Born into a large family on Dec. 20, 1944, in DeKalb County, he spent his youth on his family's farm.

After earning a bachelor's degree from Purdue University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Golden Gate University, Mr. Deetz pursued a rewarding career in semiconductor quality assurance for Signetics, Philips Semiconductors and NXP; a job that provided him the opportunity to travel the world.

As a 27-year resident of Gilroy, Calif., he nurtured life-long relationships with many of his neighbors. In his spare time, he enjoyed home-improvement projects, playing the piano, barbecuing and spending time with his family. He was a member of the local Elks lodge and would yearly trade his corporate tie for a grill-master's apron at the Garlic Festival.

Surviving are his wife, Louise; his mother, Alice; his children, Jeffrey, Angela, Brian and Joshua; his grandchildren, Kenneth, Michelle and Ryan; and his brothers and sisters, Donald, James, John, Jean and Judy.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Gilroy, Calif.

Calling will be at Habing Family Funeral Home in Gilroy, Calif., today after 1 p.m., with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to reflect a change in service time.*

Kaye Patterson

PLEASANT LAKE — Kaye F. Patterson, 61, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Patterson

She worked in the office at Dana Weatherhead in Angola for 20 years, and at Halex in Hamilton for 11 years.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, the Angola Moose Lodge No. 1568, Angola American Legion Post No. 81, and VFW Post No. 7205 in Angola.

She was born May 31, 1946, in Fort Wayne, to Francis and Gertrude (Elston) Roy, who both preceded her in death. She married John Patterson on Aug. 24, 1979, in the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Daniel Krabach of Fort Wayne, and Suzette and John Arnold of Coldwater; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Shane Taylor of Fort Wayne, and Michael and Jenny Patterson of Halmstead, N.C.; a stepbrother and stepsister, Harry Hodde and Sandra Hodde, both of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with the Rev. Phillip Schneider officiating. Private graveside services will be Thursday.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the S.P.C.A.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Wilmer McLaughlin

GOSHEN — Wilmer L. McLaughlin, 84, of Goshen died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, in Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. McLaughlin had been in declining health since being in a traffic accident in April and had been staying at The Maples in Goshen.

He was an attorney and member of the Simpson & McLaughlin law firm.

Mr. McLaughlin had served as town attorney for Millersburg for 39 years and as attorney for and member of several county and community boards.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury and served on its Church Council for 20 years. He taught an adult Sunday school class for 31 years, sang in the church choir and was a delegate to the Indiana-Kentucky synod assembly for 29 sessions.

Mr. McLaughlin was a past master of the Goshen Masonic Lodge and a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies.

He was a charter member of the Elkhart County Toastmasters Club and Goshen Toastmasters Club. He was also a member of the Mark Wilt Post of the American Legion, Middlebury Civic Club, American Bar Association, former Elkhart Bar Association, Goshen City Bar Association, Goshen Salvation Army, Elkhart County Symphony Association and Middlebury Exchange Club.

He was born April 2, 1923, in Elkhart to Grover C. and Nellie E. (Fisher) McLaughlin.

Mr. McLaughlin graduated from South Bend Central High School and was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Force in 1943 while he was a student at the University of Notre Dame. He served as a cryptographer in Iceland and London. Following his discharge, he re-entered Notre Dame and graduated in June 1951.

He married Ruth Evans on Oct. 3, 1954, in Mishawaka. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Margaret E. McLaughlin of Goshen and Amy and Brian Hunsberger McLaughlin of Middlebury; and a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Bonnie McLaughlin of Naperville, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, M. Wayne McLaughlin; two sisters, Elizabeth Topp and Kathleen Deja.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury with Pastor Donn Abdon officiating.

Memorials are to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or Ryan's Place.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Edith Burnworth

COLUMBIA CITY — Edith M. Burnworth, 89, of Garrett, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at 3:20 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Garrett.

Mrs. Burnworth

A lifetime Whitley County resident, except for a short time in Garrett, she graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1930. She retired from Dana Corp. in Churubusco.

She was born in Whitley County on Dec. 17, 1917, to Clarence and Effie B. (Appleton) Judd.

On Dec. 30, 1950, she married Lowell Burnworth in Columbia City.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Celia A. Bush; a stepson, Jay C. Burnworth; a sister and brother-in-law, Wilma B. and Max Crabill of Garrett; and a brother and sister-in-law, Franklin L. and Ethel Judd of New York, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four sisters and eight brothers.

Services were today at 10 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Curtiss Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery of Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice.

To send condolences, sign a guest register or light a memorial candle, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

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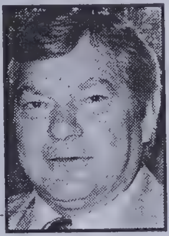
Kendallville businessman, community leader William Soboslay, 74, dies

KENDALLVILLE — Former Kendallville businessman William J. "Bill" Soboslay Sr., 74, of Kendallville died at 11 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Soboslay

Mr. Soboslay was a lifetime area resident.

He was the owner of Kendallville Distributing Corp. and co-owner of The Toggery Shop in Kendallville.

Mr. Soboslay was a 1952 graduate of Kendallville High School and had attended Indiana University. He played minor league baseball and was drafted by the Chicago Cubs as a pitcher, and played for the California Angels minor league team.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville where he served as an elder and deacon.

Mr. Soboslay was a past president of the Kendallville Rotary Club; past president of the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce; a former member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge, and Shrine.

He was a Kendallville youth baseball coach for many years. He was also an avid golfer and held the course record on the Elks golf course.

He was born Feb. 24, 1933, in Kendallville to Anton and Florence (Nartker) Soboslay. He and his wife, Sallie (Gardner) Soboslay, were married for 54 years. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rhae and Jim Dazey of Kendallville and Dee-Ann and Bill Rathge of Kendallville; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Doug and Laura Soboslay of Phoenix, Ariz., William Joe Soboslay Jr. of Phoenix, Chris Soboslay of Old Hickory, Tenn., and Jay David and Kay Soboslay of Kendallville; 20 grandchildren, Matt, Carrie, Carla, Carman, Nichole, Robbie, Joey, Megan, Erica, Elizabeth, Sasha, Serenity, Sonya, Chris Jr., Julie, Justin, Dustie, Maegan, Miranda and Jaeden; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Sally Greer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Stanley Kessler of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers will be John Hutchins, Stan Emerick, Craig Fischer, Ed Perkins, Bob Czypryn, Darol Stroman and Chris Soboslay Jr.

Active pallbearers will be Bill Rathge, Jim Dazey, Robbie Rathge, Matt Dazey and Joey Soboslay.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church or Kendallville Public Library.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to list additional surviving relatives.*

Kathy Jo Wheeler

AUBURN — Kathy Jo Wheeler, 45, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wheeler was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 28, 1961, in Auburn to James Haverstock Sr. and Linda (Roose) Haverstock. Her father survives in Butler, and her mother preceded her in death.

She married Randy L. Wheeler on Jan. 29, 2001, in Auburn. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chad Aron and Lyndsay Haverstock of Auburn; two daughters, Misty Nicole Haverstock and Stacie Lynne Haverstock, both of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Jackie Haverstock of Butler and Rick and Tanya Haverstock of Hamilton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Tammy Haverstock and Gary Kreicher of Edgerton, Ohio, and Robin and Jon Wallace of Butler; four grandchildren, Gracie Leigh Payton, Ethan Chad Haverstock, Destinee K. Fike and Kaid McPheeters; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Bill and Ruth Wheeler of Van Wert, Ohio, Rich and Gwen Wheeler of Latty, Ohio, Richard Wheeler of Muncie, Dave and Mary Wheeler of New Mexico, and Henry and Anita Wheeler, Laurie Wheeler, Lenny and Chico Wheeler and Anna Wheeler, all of St. Marys, Ohio,

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Russ Howard will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Robert Bishop

AUBURN — Robert D. Bishop, 83, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Bishop

Mr. Bishop farmed all his life and also worked 34 years for Aro in Bryan, Ohio, retiring June 10, 1988. He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God.

He was born July 31, 1924, in Auburn to Roscoe J. and Grace L. (McCann) Bishop. They preceded her in death.

He married Barbara A. Miller on Feb. 14, 1948, in the Lutheran Church in Butler. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and William Hammontree of Wauseon, Ohio; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Daniel and Brenda Bishop of Auburn, Tom Bishop of Auburn, Bruce and Tresa Bishop of Corunna, Jeff and Brenda Bishop of Auburn and John and Genie Bishop of New Haven; a brother, Stanley Bishop of Auburn; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Wilma Reade and Thelma Smith, and a daughter-in-law, Susie Bishop.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn. The Rev. Raymond Warner will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God, Parkview Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Clarence Brickley

WOLCOTTVILLE — Clarence K. "Casey" Brickley, 74, of Wolcottville died unexpectedly at 10:38 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was the former owner of Bill & Casey's Landing at Wolcottville and had worked at Duo Therm in LaGrange, Tite-Lok in Topeka and Lake City Animal Clinic in Warsaw.

Mr. Brickley was a graduate of Rock Creek High School in Wells County.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City; the Masonic Lodge in Bluffton and Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brickley enjoyed cooking, gardening, fishing and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born Oct. 26, 1932, in Wells County to Clarence and Lola (Pence) Brickley. He married Jean Munson on May 30, 1954, in Bluffton. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Dan Levitz of Angola, Kris and Mike Reade of Wolcottville, Penny and Steve Miller of LaGrange, Pam and Dan Hann of Leesburg and Amy and Jim Gerardot of Wolcottville; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Kathleen Houtz of Bluffton, Barbara and Joel Smekens of Bluffton and Judy and John Cupp of Bluffton; and a brother, Robert and Pat Brickley of Markle.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenny Brickley and Greg Brickley; and three sisters, Jerrold Gilbert, Nova Lee Barrick, and Sara Lou Hunter.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County 4-H Association.

A video tribute may be viewed by Thursday and condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

DeNese Landis

Ms. Landis

FREMONT — DeNese "Dizzy" Landis, 62, of Fremont and formerly of Angola, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at her home.

Ms. Landis was a 24-year employee at New Horizons Bakery in Fremont. She had previously worked for 16 years at the former Simley Manufacturing Corp. in Angola.

She was a graduate of Butler High School. Her hobbies included being outdoors and planting flowers, sewing and doing crafts, baking and painting.

She was born on April 30, 1945, in Auburn to Albert Lynn and Audrey (Johnson) Brown, who both preceded her in death. She married Jack Landis on Sept. 21, 1974, in Pleasant Lake. He survives in Fremont.

She is also survived by a daughter, Linda Haifley of Fremont; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Jack Jr. and Shelley Landis of Edgerton, Ohio; two stepdaughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Jeff Schaeffer of Angola, and Penny and Dave Tadsen of Angola; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; six sisters, Kay Lemon of Camden, Mich., Bonnie Harbaugh of Vincennes, Julie Wynkoop of Grant, Mich., Ella Cliffton of Edgerton, and Dozzy Coburn and Joy Kirkpatrick of Butler.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kylie Hall; a sister, Sue Kring; and a brother, Bill Brown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Revs. Jim Hulbert and Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Margaret Sinwelski

LAGRANGE — Margaret V. Sinwelski, 57, of Calhoun, Ga., died at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Sinwelski

She was the manager of the Best Inn in Calhoun.

She earned a degree in business management from Dalton College in Georgia.

She will be remembered as a giving and health-conscious person. She loved to decorate for the holidays.

She was born Jan. 18, 1950, in Harvey, Ill., to Edward and Vera (Verway) Sinwelski. They are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Sheree and Michael Buikema of Lafayette and Julie Yoder of Howe; a son, Bob and Belinda Jarema of Emma; two sisters, MaryEllen Geniusz and Aggie Bowman; five brothers, Michael, Jerry, Frank, Albert and Leo Sinwelski; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Paul Sinwelski.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Father George Douglas officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or to the Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 17, 2007, Wednesday

Kenneth C. Ebert, 79

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth C. Ebert, 79, of Churubusco and formerly of Green Township in Noble County, died unexpectedly at 11:09 a.m. Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Ebert spent his formative years in Fort Wayne and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following his military discharge, he was married on May 26, 1950, in Fort Wayne to Roberta J. "Bert" Liggett. The couple lived in Green Center for 48 years until moving to Churubusco in 2005. His wife preceded him in death on Dec. 21, 2005.

He was employed at Essex Wire in Fort Wayne for a number of years and later retired in 1990 from General Electric Co. He also was engaged in farming in Green Township and was a member of the Fort Wayne Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1927, in Allen County to Charles and Juanita (Hollopeter) Ebert, who are both deceased.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Steven Smith of Tucson, Ariz., and Terri and Kenneth Sperone of Fort Wayne; a son, Ronnie L. Ebert of Columbia City; and four grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a grandson and a sister, Margaret Bailey.

Services were at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Timothy Grable, pastor of Sugar Grove Church of God, officiating. Entombment was in the mausoleum at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne with military graveside rites.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Christina Ann Christian, 45

KENDALLVILLE – Christina Ann Christian, age 45, of Kendallville, passed away on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at her apartment in Kendallville.

Mrs. Christian was born in Kendallville on December 15, 1961 to Charles LeRoy and Priscilla Ann (Carroll) Boehme, Sr.

Chris liked to play board games and watch television. She enjoyed her dog, Missy.

Survivors include: her father, Charles (Mary Ellen) Boehme, Sr. of Elkhart; her mother, Priscilla Ann (Robert) Witt, Jr. of Hudson; a daughter, Jessica Lynn Christian of Kendallville; brother, Charles, Jr. and Monica Boehme of Waterloo; two sisters, Charlotte Annette (Edgar) Caudill, Jr. of Angola, Carroll Lee Tackett of Hudson; four nieces, Jenny Spencer of Boston, Mass., Netta (Wayne) Jess, Jr. of Avilla, and Tara and Amber Boehme of Kendallville; two nephews, Tori Tackett of Hudson and Ashley Tackett of Avilla; a great nephew, Kyle Spencer of Boston.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Tabitha Marie Boehme on November 30 1980.

Funeral Services were at the House of Prayer.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Phil Puckett.

Burial was at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Preferred Memorials may be made to American Lung Association

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Sherry L. Marten, 53

Sherry L. Marten, 53, of Fremont died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at her residence in Fremont.

Mrs. Marten worked as a waitress for the last five years at the Bull Pen Restaurant in Fremont. She formerly worked at the former Mid-Town Cafe in Fremont.

She enjoyed her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a wonderful waitress, and was a very kind and friendly person. She was the type of person that you could share a joke or story with. Her hobbies included collecting Beanie Babies and Elvis memorabilia. She was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge.

She was born on June 1, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Lewis and Alice (Springer) McCartney, both are deceased. She married Doyle R. Marten on June 28, 1969, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rick and Chris Marten of Fremont, and Kurt Marten, all of Fremont; five stepsons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Lori Marten of Fremont, Danny Marten of Fremont, Doyle R. Marten Jr. of Michigan, Cecil Marten of Angola, and David and Stephanie Jorn of Fremont; two stepdaughters, Tammy Snyder of Angola, and Sherry Lynn Fraley of Angola; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda and Ed Ransbottom of Butler, and Sharon McCartney of Arkansas; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Mark and Cheryl McCartney of Avilla, Daniel and Tammy McCartney of Avilla, Randy and Toni Westbrook of Butler, and Andy McCartney of Arkansas; a daughter-in-law, Bobbie Marten of Fremont; 19 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Timothy L. "Tim" Marten on March 7, 2000.

Services were at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Chaplain Ken Weaver officiating. Burial was at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to the family or Parkview Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Steven L. Hanlon, 60

PENDLETON — Steven L. Hanlon, age 60, resident of Pendleton, formerly of Ligonier and Albion, died on September 24, 2007 at Kindred Hospital in Indianapolis, IN

He was born in Kendallville, Iniana on January 20, 1947, the son of Robert & Carole (Gray) Hanlon.

Survivors include: his daughter Stephanie (Michael) Kovaleski; two sons, Trevor (Marisa) Hanlon and Steven Hanlon, Jr.; three grandchildren, William Haab, Clayton and Sydney Kovaleski.

Cremation will take place with services at a later date.

Rozelle Johnson Funreal Service was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association.

E-mailed condolences may be sent to RJFuneralSvc@aol.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Viola Fetters

KNAPP LAKE — Viola Smith Fetters, 80, of Knapp Lake died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law in Ligonier after a battle with cancer.

Mrs. Fetters

Mrs. Fetters had been employed at Delco-Remy in Anderson and at Excello and the T-Way in Elwood. In 1976, she and her husband, Don Smith, moved to the Knapp Lake area and she worked at Hooks Drugs in North Webster.

She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed the fellowship of a loving congregation, doing volunteer work, and listening to the sermons of her pastor, the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh. She enjoyed going to yearly Bible study classes in Goshen.

Mrs. Fetters will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

She was born Feb. 14, 1927, in East Grand Rapids, Mich., to James and Ruth Gavrilides. She married Bethel Don Smith on Dec. 17, 1950. He died in 1990. She then married Kenneth Fetters on Feb. 5, 1993. He survives.

Also surviving are a brother-in-law and his wife, Max and Elsa Fetters; a sister-in-law and her husband, Joyce and Rex Thoman; a sister-in-law, Janet Vansant; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Ronnie Krise; two sons and daughters in-law, Don and Georgeanna Smith, and Richard and Tina Smith; four stepdaughters, Julie Fetters, Denise Robles, Becky Smith and Diane and Patrick McArdle; grandchildren, Lisa and John Knox, R.T. and Shelley Krise, Alycia Smith. D.J. Smith, Megan Clark, Missy Clark, Nicole and Brian Beck, Dianna and Elijah West, Chris and Daisy Dixon, Cody Hastings, Kayla and Bryant Ponchot, Janette and Curt Funk, Leah Robles, Gary Smith, Michael Smith, Todd Smith, Norman Smith and Sabrina Smith; great-grandchildren, Dustin, Amber, Gayla, Wade, Malachi, Taylor, Mattie, Makayla, Ethan, Dylan and Julian; a great-great-grandchild, Isabel; many nieces and nephews;numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; a long list of friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Spyros Gavrilides; a sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Burr Thorndill; a sister-in-law and her husband, Eva Mae and Ted Graves; a stepson, Gary Smith; a granddaughter, Lora Lynn Krise; a father and mother-in-law, Bethel and Edith Smith; a father in-law, Ralph Fetters; and a brother-in-law, Jerry Fetters.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Ligonier United Methodist Church. Her ashes will be laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice Home Care or Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Dorothy Fittz

WENATCHEE, Wash. — Dorothy Tait Fittz, 95, of Wenatchee, Wash., a former resident of Shelbyville, Tenn., died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, after a brief illness.

She taught English and Bible studies to the Japanese women of husbands that worked at Calsonic Corp.

A native of Toronto, Canada, she was the daughter of the late James Taitand Esther Hoy Tait. Mrs. Fittz was the wife of 60 years to Herman Fajen Fittz, who died 1998. They had resided in Japan, Okinawa and New Cumberland, Pa. Mrs. Fittz resided at the Cameron Woods in Angola for three-and-a-half years, before moving to Shelbyville. The Fittzes were members of the Shelbyville Gospel Chapel and were active members of the Gideons.

Survivors include her children, Yvonne Malstead of Wenatchee, James Fittz of Denver, John Fittz of Willington, Conn., Lillian Olden of Whittier, Calif., Rebecca Sandrok of Glen Ellyn, Ill., Dorcas Wolf of Pleasant Lake, and David Fittz of Highland Village, Texas; 20 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday with music to begin at 12:30, at the Wartrace Baptist Church in Shelbyville, with the Rev. John Meyer officiating. The burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery with Rev. Jim Knoll officiating.

Calling will be 11 a.m. until service time at the church on Saturday.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gideons International.

Arrangements are by Doak-Howell Funeral Home, Shelbyville.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to add names of surviving relatives.*

DeNese Landis

FREMONT — DeNese "Dizzy" Landis, 62, of Fremont and formerly of Angola, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at her home.

Ms. Landis

Ms. Landis was a 24-year employee at New Horizons Bakery in Fremont. She had previously worked for 16 years at the former Simley Manufacturing Corp. in Angola.

She was a graduate of Butler High School. Her hobbies included being outdoors and planting flowers, sewing and doing crafts, baking and painting.

She was born on April 30, 1945, in Auburn to Albert Lynn and Audrey (Johnson) Brown, who both preceded her in death. She marriedJack Landis on Sept. 21, 1974, in Pleasant Lake. He survives in Fremont.

She is also survived by a daughter, Linda Haifley of Fremont; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Jack Jr. and Shelley Landis of Edgerton, Ohio; two stepdaughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Jeff Schaeffer of Angola, and Penny and Dave Tadsen of Angola; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; six sisters, Kay Lemon of Camden, Mich., Bonnie Harbaugh of Vincennes, Julie Wynkoop of Grant, Mich., Ella Cliffton of Edgerton, and Dozzy Coburn and Joy Kirkpatrick of Butler; and two brothers, Lynn Brown of Churubusco and Rick Brown of Butler.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kylie Hall; a sister, Sue Kring; and a brother, Bill Brown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Revs. Jim Hulbert and Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

M. Dale Lowe

ANGOLA — M. Dale Lowe, 87, of Angola died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, in Angola.

Mr. Lowe was a farmer who worked his own farm. He served in the Army during World War II, receiving a Victory Medal and an Occupation Medal (Japan).

He was born Nov. 8, 1919, in Butler to Melva and Dessie (Rummel) Lowe, both of whom preceded him in death. He married Laura Zimmerman on April 3, 1948. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Audrey and Robert Woollweever of Angola; a brother, William Lowe of North Adams, Mich.; three sisters, Virginia Demorest and Annabel Pocock of Angola, and Phyllis Nall of Knoxville, Tenn.; and three grandchildren, William Dale Millhouse of Fort Wayne, Michael Millhouse of Ashley, and Cathy Ann Nelson of Hamilton.

He was also preceded in death by five brothers, Kenneth, Edgar, Grover, Maurice and Richard Lowe; and a sister, Doris Lowe.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be two hours before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, care of Cathy Nelson.

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Vida Barchus

FREMONT — Vida G. Barchus, 78, of Fremont died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Barchus retired in 1975 from the Ex-Cello Corp. in Fostoria, Ohio, after 26 years of service.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society in Fremont.

She was born on May 18, 1929, in Franklin County, Ohio, to Albert and Amelia (Darst) Johnson, who both preceded her in death. Her first marriage was to Benner Merrick. She married Robert Barchus on July 24, 1971, in Angola. He died Jan. 13, 1994.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Albert and Shirley Merrick of Fostoria, and Walter and Becky Merrick of Fremont; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gail and John Holman of Arcadia, Ohio, and Jane and Tom Chapman of Marysville, Ohio; five stepsons, Rick, Dorsey, Steve, Jim and Todd Barchus; two stepdaughters, Kimberly and Lori Barchus; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Nina Johnson of London, Ohio; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Lucille Wolfe of Sunbury, Ohio, Ceila Smith of Grand Rapids, Ohio, and Amelia and Bob Schell of Fremont, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Harrold-Floriana Funeral Home in Fostoria, with the Rev. David Goodwin officiating. Burial will be in Knollcrest Gardens near Arcadia.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Shammra Lesser

ANGOLA — Shammra Anne Lesser, 17, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Helen Moore

ANGOLA — Helen L. Moore, 89, died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, at her home in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Thomas Hays

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Thomas Hays, 77, of San Jose, Calif., died last month.

Mr. Hays taught science since 1958 in the Union School District of San Jose. His enthusiasm for teaching encouraged many students to pursue studies in science, medicine and technology. He was a mentor and a good friend to his fellow teachers.

An advisor to the Science Club for many years, he passed his love of nature and environmental concerns to his students. He worked tirelessly to raise funds for club field trips and for the science department at Union Middle School.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was born in Tennessee. At the age of 18 he joined the Navy. While serving at Oak Knoll Hospital he developed a love of biology. Following his service, he enrolled at San Jose State as a science major.

He married Donna Stevens (formerly of Angola) in California, in 1970. She survives.

He is also survived by two sons, Randy and Terry, and their families; stepson Steven Sanfilippo and family; mother Thelma; brothers Joe and Alton; and sister Betty Ann Montgomery, all of California.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Zelma Roe services were Sunday

SYRACUSE — Zelma Roe, 97, of Syracuse died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse following a month-long illness.

Mrs. Roe was a homemaker and had previously worked at Smoker Craft until her retirement in 1970.

She has been a Jehovah's Witness since 1957 and enjoyed talking about the Bible to others. She also enjoyed doing crossword puzzle and taking care of her cat.

She was born June 1, 1910, in Syracuse to Charles and Catherine Stuckman. She married Wilbur Roe in September 1930. He died in 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Marilyn Roe of Ligonier and Larry and Jeanette Roe of Syracuse; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters and a brother.

Memorial services were held this pastSunday at the Cromwell Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1990 N. C.R. 1200W, Cromwell, with Richard Cline officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to Real Services of Kosciusko County or the Cromwell congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for the Remodeling Fund.

Kline Funeral Home in Millersburg was in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Memorial service for Vi Fetters will be Nov. 3

Viola Fetters

KNAPP LAKE — Viola Smith Fetters, 80, of Knapp Lake, died Sunday morning, Oct. 14, 2007 at her son and daughter-in-law's house in Ligonier, after a courageous battle with cancer.

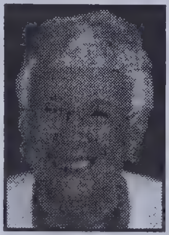
She was under the care of Goshen Hospice Home Care.

Vi was born to James and Ruth Gavrilides (Greek immigrants from Turkey) on Feb. 14, 1927, in East Grand Rapids, Mich. There she met Bethel Don Smith, and they were married on Dec. 17, 1950 and lived in Elwood, Ind.

In 1976 she and Don moved to the Knapp Lake area. While raising her children, Vi worked hard to be and excellent housewife and mother while holding jobs at Delco-Remy in Anderson, and at Excello and the T-Way in Elwood.

After moving to this area, she worked at Hooks Drugs in North Webster. After her husbands death in 1990, she was courted and became engaged to Kenneth Fetters of Fort Wayne. They were married on Feb. 5, 1993 and moved to their Knapp Lake home.

Vi was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. She was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed the fellowship of a loving congregation, doing volunteer work, and listening to the sermons of her pastor, Rev. Michael Heinbaugh. She enjoyed going to yearly bible study classes in Goshen.


Mrs. Fetters

Mrs. Fetters spent many hours on the phone keeping in touch with all her family and friends, willing to help out any way she could. Vi sent our more than 70 birthday and anniversary cards a year and received more than 70 in return.

She had a very large family, either by blood or by marriage, that she treated all the same. At Christmas time, Vi would exhaust herself buying and wrapping presents for the many people she loved.

Vi was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, a brother, Spyros Gavrilides, a sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Burr Thorndill, a sister-in-law and her husband, Eva Mae and Ted Graves, a stepson, Gary Smith, a granddaughter, Lora Lynn Krise, a father and mother-in-law, Bethel and Edith Smith, a father in-law, Ralph Fetters and a brother-in-law, Jerry Fetters.

Mrs. Fetters is survived by her husband Kenny, a brother-in-law and his wife, Max and Elsa Fetters; a sister-in-law and her husband, Joyce and Rex Thoman; a sister-in-law, Janet Vansant, a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Ronnie Krise; two sons and daughter in-laws, Don and Georgeanna Smith, and Richard and Tina Smith;, three step-daughters, Julie Fetters, Denise Robles, and Becky Smith; a step-daughter and her husband, Diane and Patrick McArdle; her grandchildren are Lisa and John Knox, R.T. and Shelley Krise, Alycia Smith, D.J. Smith, Megan Clark, Missy Clark, Nicole and Brian Beck, Dianna and Elijah West, Chris and Daisy Dixon, Cody Hastings, Kayla and Bryant Ponchot, Janette and Curt Funk, Leah Robles, Gary Smith, Michael Smith, Todd Smith, Norman Smith and Sabrina Smith.

Her great-grandchildren are Dustin, Amber, Cayla, Wade, Malachi, Taylor, Mattie, Makayla, Ethan, Dylan, Julian and two on the way. Vi had one great-great-grandchild, Isabel.

She had at least 30 nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews. She loved them all.

Vi also had a long list of friends that she cherished greatly.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007 at 1 p.m. at Ligonier United Methodist Church. Her ashes will be laid to rest at the Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Elwood, Ind.

Memorials are to the Goshen Hospice Home Care or Ligonier United Methodist Church, in lieu of flowers, at the family's request.

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Velma Hunter

KENDALLVILLE — Velma Marie Hunter, 93, of Kendallville died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hunter was employed with J.C. Penney in Kendallville for 20 years.

Mrs. Hunter

She was a 1931 graduate of Avilla High School and a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Mrs. Hunter enjoyed playing euchre and bingo and had previously loved to travel with her husband, Bill.

She was born in Avilla on Nov. 5, 1913, to Charles John and Matilda Edith Sarah (Housholder) Wolf. She married William T. Hunter on July 22, 1964, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. He preceded her death in 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Marlo "Bud" Munk of Albion; grandchildren, Shane and Rachel Munk of Greenwood and Randy and Dawn Brewer of Mishawaka; great-grandchildren, Spencer, Scout, Shaydon and Sydney Munk, Shauna Brewer, and Dameon and Ian Brewer; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Shultz of Mishawaka; a sister, Doris Johnson of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Frances Wolf of Oldsmar, Fla., and Irene Forker of Albion; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Jack and Phyllis Hunter of Bluffton and Dale and Linda Shultz of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Thomas Edward Shultz in 1992.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery near Avilla with the Rev. Thomas A. Dunbar officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Betty Bender

PRETTY LAKE — Betty Bender, 89, of Pretty Lake in LaGrange County died Thursday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Don Baker

ANGOLA — Don E. Baker, 77, of Angola, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Robert Paulen

AUBURN — Robert W. Paulen, 86, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at Wesley HealthCare Center in Auburn.

Born in Auburn, he was employed with McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home and Dilgard & Cline Furniture and Funeral Home for more than 33 years.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church and a life member of Disabled American Veterans. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a Purple Heart recipient.

Surviving are a sister, Helen Grogg of Auburn, and two grandsons, David Baughman of Kokomo and Charles Baughman of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby, a daughter, Linda Baughman, and a son, Michael Paulen.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling from 10-11 a.m. The Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Additional calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church of Auburn or Alliance Industries, 901 E. Quincy St., Garrett.

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Tyrone Fontenette Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Tyrone Daunte Fontenette Jr., 27, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Fremont, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007.

He is survived by a son, Tre Reaser; daughter Keisha Fontenette; three sisters, Nicole Bryant, Veronica Anderson and Tywanda Fontenette; and a special aunt, Virginia Bryant.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight at the church, as well as one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to the food bank at Bethlehem.

Arrangements are by Carmichael Funeral Service.

Dorothy Vaughn

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Dorothy F. Vaughn, 81, of Hillsdale, Mich., died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at the Hillsdale Community Health Center.

Ms. Vaughn had worked as a cook at the Holiday Inn and Tri-State College in Angola.

She loved to cook and was a member of the Garden Club of California Township, Mich.

She was born on July 27, 1926 in California Township, to Samuel and Margaret (Evans) Gallaway. Both parents preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Brenda Vaughn of Hillsdale; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary and Joel Leavelle of Troy, Ohio, and Francis Peters of Reading, Mich.; a sister-in-law Beverly Gallaway of Reading; a brother, Glenn Gallaway of Elkhart; a granddaughter and her spouse, Michelle and Jay Hawkins of Grayling, Mich.; a grandson, Cooper Vaughn of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; a great-granddaughter, Chelsea Davis of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and a great-grandson, Michael Davis of Grayling.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, James Gallaway, and a grandson.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, with the Rev. Alan Fenstermaker officiating. Burial will follow in California Corners Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

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Margaret Cashdollar

MINSTER, Ohio — Margaret Cashdollar, 86, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at Heritage Manor Nursing Center in Minster, Ohio.

Mrs. Cashdollar was a homemaker all her married life. She was a member of Eden United Church of Christ in Muncie and recently a member of St. Pau United Church of Christ in New Bremen, Ohio.

She grew up in New Castle, lived in New Bremen Ohio, and Muncie for many years, then moved back to New Bremen in 2005.

Born Nov. 28, 1920, in Eubank, Ky., she was the daughter of Dennie and Mary Eva Williams.

She was married to Robert C. Cashdollar for 52 years. He died in 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Ziegenbusch of New Bremen; two sons and a daughter-in-law Robert A. and Karen Cashdollar of Auburn and Stephen Cashdollar of Muncie; two sisters and a brother-in-law, June and Philip Frantz of Vandalia, Ohio, and Katherine Tully of New Castle; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

Services were to be held today at Garden View Funeral Home in Muncie. Burial was to be at Garden of Memories Cemetery next to the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grand Lake Hospice, 1122 E. Spring St., St. Marys, OH 45885.

Elton Cogan

AVILLA — Elton Cogan, 86, of Avilla died Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Mary Myers

LAGRANGE — Mary Jane Myers, 81, of LaGrange died at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at her residence.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Other arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home.

Helen Moore

ANGOLA — Helen L. Moore, 89, of Angola died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, at home with family.

Mrs. Moore

Mrs. Moore was an avid gardener and loved animals, travel, music and dancing. She touched many through her music and passed on the gift of music to many family members whom she loved very much. She was the former choir director at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bryan, Ohio. She was a member of the North Scott Christian Church and the Suburban Golf League.

Mrs. Moore worked for the Ohio Gas Co. for a few years, then she went to work for the law office of Newcomer-Shaffer in Bryan. She also worked at the Chief Supermarket in Bryan.

She was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Nov. 30, 1917, to George P. and Susan (Lerch) Blodgett, who are deceased. She married Dorrance "Dorrey" Moore on Jan. 2, 1939, in Kansas City, Mo. He preceded her in death in 1986.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Bill G. and Sandy Moore of Portland, Ore.; three daughters and one son-in-law, JoAnne Pinkard of Salem, Ala., Kathy and Bob Rowan of Angola and Doreen DeGryse of Ossian; one brother, Bob Blodgett of Port Orange, Fla.; 19 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Angola First Christian Church, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.hejohsonfh.com.

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Betty Bender

WOLCOTTVILLE — Betty Marie Bender, 89, of Pretty Lake, Wolcottville, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Bender

Mrs. Bender was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, where she was active in the women's group and the Lutheran Missionary League. She was also a member of the National Orchid Society and Fort Wayne Orchid Society. She enjoyed quilting, and graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne in 1936.

Mrs. Bender was employed with Phelps-Dodge of Fort Wayne and retired in 1984 after 23 years of service.

She was born in Fort Wayne on March 20, 1918, to Bert William and Sophia Louise (Humcke) Rison. She married Wayne Frederick Bender on Aug. 3, 1940, at Zion Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death Jan. 22, 1995.

Survivors are her daughter, Suzanne Hintz of Northbrook, Ill.; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Linda Bender of Winnetka, Ill.; two granddaughters and one grandson-in-law, Kathryn Hintz and Daniel Ringrose of Minot, N.D., and Anne Bender of Los Angeles, Calif.; two grandsons and one granddaughter-in-law, Timothy Hintz and Susan Rosser of Brookline, Mass., and Matthew Bender of Sacramento, Calif.; four great-grandsons; and a sister, Janet Rison of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Rison; and two sisters, Mary Jane Lake and Dorothy Mundinger.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or to the LaGrange Council on Aging.

Condolences may be sent online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Alan Williams

EDON, Ohio — Alan Jay Williams, 56, of Edon, Ohio, died at 4:42 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at his residence following a lengthy illness.

A graduate of Fremont High School, Mr. Williams attended Tri-State University in Angola.

Mr. Williams achieved 30 years of service as a machinist at The Aro Corp. and then New Era Ohio in Bryan, Ohio, where he had been employed prior to his passing. He was a veteran of the United States Army and member of Am-Vets Post 54 in Bryan and the Bryan Eagles.

He was born Oct. 28, 1950, in Angola to Don P. and Gladys (Shaull) Williams. On Sept. 20, 1972, he married Jeri Ann Keller in Pleasant Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Jackie and Jeff Bennett of Milton, Fla.; his mother, Gladys Bancroft of Toledo, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Kevin and Diane Williams of Fremont and Phillip and Mary Ann Williams and Victor and Karen Williams, all of Angola; one sister and brother-in-law, Debby and Allen Adams of Montpelier, Ohio; one half sister, Lynn Curtis; and one half brother, Greg Troiano.

He was preceded in death by one half brother, Richard Troiano.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Robert Koenig officiating. Burial will be in Billingstown Cemetery, rural Edon, with graveside military rites.

Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Liver Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Farmer was known for helping hand, kind heart and winning smile

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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WATERLOO — On the September day John Francis Miller died in a tragic farming accident, a beautiful sunset framed the copper cross on St. Michael's Church in rural Waterloo, where he had been a lifelong member. The skyline provided a perfect backdrop to the silhouette of John's beloved farm and homestead. The church bells chimed.

John Miller had been called home.

He had died doing what he loved to do — farming the land — said his cousins and neighbors, Bob and Judy Miller.

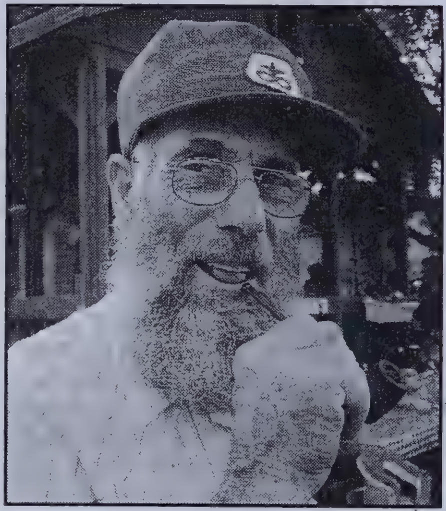
Even as the news of John's untimely death saddened them, the Millers felt a strange sense of calm.

"We could hear the church bells chiming in the distance," Judy Miller said. "And to the east of John's farm, we could see the farmhouse where he had spent his earlier years helping a sick uncle. He died in a back field, between the two farms where he spent most of his childhood days. What a fitting place for him to pass on."

John Miller was killed Sept. 28 at the age of 64 while attempting to repair a combine he was using to harvest beans on his farm in rural Waterloo.

As a father to his two daughters and son, John Miller was stern, but gentle, said daughter Anna Nixon of Auburn.

"My dad was kind, simple, hard-working and everyone's friend," said daughter Monica Theriac of Indianapolis.



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John Miller – shown with his trademark pipe and cap – died doing what he loved to do, farming the land he grew up on. Nearly 1,000 people lined up at his funeral to pay their respects to the humble, unassuming Waterloo farmer.

Others agreed. About 1,000 people lined up to pay their respects at his funeral. John was buried in bib overalls, with his pipe and his favorite, well-worn cap. His five grandchildren placed seedling soybean plants next to the coffin.

Everyone from local farmers to the president of Beck Seed Corn in Atlanta, Ind., filled the funeral home to offer comfort and share stories of John Miller.

John thrived on his love of life, family and the land. His son, Andy,

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serves as director of the Indiana Department of Agriculture, and was a source of pride to John, as were his daughters, in-laws and grandchildren.

John tried to attend as many of his grandchildren's sporting and school events as possible, even though they are scattered across the state. And he always had sweet treats for the kids.

"He was very healthy, which was amazing considering the amount of candy he ate and the fact that he had smoked a pipe," as long as they could remember, said Theriac.

"I can remember (John) saying he had a real good class rank his senior year, but lost it because he stayed home to get the crops in instead of going to school," Bob Miller said. "Farming was in his blood at a young age."

John was a man of exemplary character, according to Judy and Bob Miller. So much so that the couple asked John to assume the role of guardianship of their two children in case anything should happen to them.

John Miller loved to socialize with his neighbors and often would stop by and talk for hours, Theriac said of her father.

The man with the distinctive beard, cap, pipe and winning smile was always a welcome sight at the Hamilton Fish and Game Club, where he liked to eat and socialize, and at St. Michael's Catholic Church, where he ushered, served on the parish council and took part in parish events.

In March, John Miller had a run-in with a sow and the sow won, according to Judy Miller.

"We referred to it as the 'pig wreck,'" she said.

John was left with a broken leg that was very slow to heal. During that time, he was forced to slow down and rely on others, said Nixon, which allowed his children to gain new insight into the man who was their father.

"The house was constantly filled with people," said Nixon. "Everyone wanted to help dad out, because he had helped so many others."

John was born Feb. 2, 1943, in Garrett to Paul and Bernadine (Herber) Miller, but grew up in Waterloo. Double cousin Bob Miller — the boys' dads were brothers and their moms were sisters — grew up on an adjacent farm.

"John was a friend and helper," remembers Bob Miller.

John lived at Bob's house as a teen, helping out when Bob's dad — John's uncle — was recovering from surgery and was unable to do farm chores.

When she got married, Nixon chose "Daddy's Hands" by Holly Dunn during the traditional father/daughter dance. "It's a perfect description of our dad," she said, reciting a few lines of the chorus:

"Daddy's hands were soft and kind when I was cryin'

Daddy's hands, were hard as steel when I'd done wrong,

Daddy's hands, weren't always gentle, but I've come to understand,

There was always love in Daddy's hands ..."

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Alan Williams

EDON, OHIO — Alan Jay Williams, 56, of Edon, Ohio, died at 4:42 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, 2007, at his residence following a lengthy illness.

He graduated from Fremont High School, and attended Tri-State University in Angola.

Mr. Williamson achieved 30 years of service as a machinist at The Aro Coporation and then New Era Ohio in Bryan, Ohio, where he was employed.

The U.S. Army veteran was a member of the Am-Vets Post 54 in Bryan and the Bryan Eagles.

In Angola on Oct. 28, 1950, he was born to Don P. and Gladys (Shaull) Williams. He married Jeri Ann Keller in Pleasant Lake, Ind., on Sept. 20, 1972. She survives.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Jackie and Jeff Bennett, Milton, Fla., his mother Gladys Bancroft, Toledo, Ohio; brothers and sisters-in-law Phillip and Mary Ann Williams, Angola, Kevin and Diane Williams, Fremont, and Victor and Karen Williams, Angola; a sister and brother-in-law Debby and Allen Adams, Montpelier, Ohio; a half-sister Lynn Curtis; and a half-brother Greg Troiano.

A half brother, Richard Troiano, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Robert Koenig officiating. Burial will be in Billingstown Cemetery, rural Edon, with gravesite military rites.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Liver Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Don Baker

ANGOLA — Don E. Baker, 77, formerly of Goshen died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at Cameron Community Hospital in Angola.

He loved to go to garage sales and enjoyed boating, fishing and cars.

In Newbury Township in LaGrange County, he was born on April 18, 1930, to Henry and Marie (Boyer) Baker. He married Marilyn Mann on May 19, 1951, in Elkhart. She preceded him in death on March 24, 2007.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Todd Kretz, Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Deb Baker, Goshen; a sister Karen Anderson, Longwood, Fla.; five grandchildren; two step grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and three step-great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, a brother, Herbert Baker; and a sister, Jean Lower, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Earl DePew

GARRETT — Earl "Ernie" C. DePew, 87, of Garrett died at 5:12 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He was a supervisor at Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Co. retiring in 1982 after 30 years of service.

Mr. DePew was a World War II Army veteran serving in the 223rd Quarter Master. He was past commander of the V.F.W., and was a member of the Garrett American Legion and the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

On Sept. 23, 1920, in Altona he was born to Clarence N. and Martha A. (Crummy) DePew. He married Mildred "Millie J. Smith on Jan. 21, 1947, in South Milford. She preceded him in death on Aug. 10, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Coleen and Mick Stewart, Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Betsy DePew, and Joseph and Linda DePew, all of Garrett; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, a son, Kenneth Paul DePew, his parents, brothers Loren and Newton DePew, and sisters Nellie Weidler, Faye Malcolm, Ruby DePew and two infant sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Military graveside services will be by the Garrett American Legion and V.F.W.

Calling will be 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Garrett High School athletic department.

Condolences may be sent on line to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Mary Jane Myers

LAGRANGE — Mary Jane Myers, 81, of rural LaGrange died at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Myers

She was a lifetime LaGrange County resident, and graduated from Scott High School in 1943.

She was employed from 1953 to 1960 at Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., and also worked as secretary at Wade Electric in Sturgis.

Mrs. Myers was a 4-H leader in LaGrange County for 53 years, a member of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary in LaGrange and a former member of Mongo Methodist Church, the square dance club in Sturgis and Albion Eages.

She loved to fish and hunt, and played in a country western band for over 20 years. She played the guitar and piano which she taught herself, and was a wonderful singer and musician. She loved horses, dogs and animals, was a Godmother to many children and raised a lot of the neighborhood children like her own.

On July 11, 1926, she was born in Valentine, Ind., to Fairy and Pearl (Dunten) Walter. She married Paul (Whitey) Myers in 1944. He preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 1953. She then married Raymond G. (Pete) Myers on April 4, 1960. He preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Wayne Myers Sr., Shipshewana, and Stanley Ray Myers Sr., LaGrange; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cheryl D. Quarry, Rome City, Cloidette Pauline and Larry Dillon, Edon, Ohio, and Renee G. and Thomas Richardson, Mongo; and a brother, Ira Walter, Wawaka.

In addition to her parents and two husbands, she was preceded in death by brothers Harold and Dean Walter; a sister, Dorothy Mae Walter; and a great granddaughter, Jessica Renee Carpenter.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Meals on Wheels in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Elton Cogan

AVILLA — Elton B. Cogan, 86, of Avilla died Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was employed early in his life at Flint & Walling in Kendallville and then as a farm implement salesman for 35 years with Meyer Farm Equipment in Avilla. He sold Ford and New Idea farm equipment.

Mr. Cogan was involved in the horse industry for many years, and raced quarter-horses. He enjoyed cars and trucks and was current with the Auto Trader magazine.

He also took care of his neighbor on a daily basis. He would also take him to the doctor's office and the grocery store on a regular basis.

In Kendallville on July 14, 1921, he was born to Edward LeRoy and Martha Frances (Culver) Cogan. He married Betty June Prouty in South Bend on Oct. 30, 1942. She preceded him in death on June 20, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Bill Lovett, Kendallville, and Tammie and Mark Hiatt, Henryetta, Okla.; three granddaughters and their spouses, Tiffany and Ron Dunkel, Mongo, Heather and Josh Keipper, Rome City, and Kallie and Matt McGuire, Henryetta, Okla.; two brothers, Henry Cogan, Michigan, and Gene Cogan, Avilla; two sisters, Ruth Molargik and Mary Ann Rottmiller, both of Kendallville; and great grandchildren Layton and Nash Keipper, Konnor McGuire and Leah and August Dunkel.

In addition to his wife, a brother, Raymond; a sister, Waunita; and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Lisa Withrow

KENDALLVILLE – Lisa Ann Withrow, 37, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, in Kendallville.

She graduated from Warsaw High School, and attended First Baptist Church in Kendallville.

On May 1, 1970, she was born in South Bend to Sammy M. and Michelle (Ingle) Crider. Her father survives in Lakeland, Fla.

Her mother preceded her in death.

Memorial Services will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church, 110 S. Oak St., Kendallville, with Pastor Percy Young officiating.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Voirol

ALBION — Mary J. Voirol, 80, of rural Albion died at 12:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, in Parkview Noble Hospital where she had been a patient since Friday, Oct. 19.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

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Edward Montel

GARRETT — Edward Frank Montel, 86, of Garrett died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007, a his son's home in Mishawaka

Mr. Montel was a self-employed carpenter. He also worked for Graber Homes fo 20 years, retiring in 1980. H was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Seabees.

Mr. Montel was a member of Calvary Chapel Worship Center of Auburn and a former member of the Silver Lake Church of the Brethren.

He was a member of the Garrett Eagles Aerie 1357, Garrett Post 178 of the American Legion, and the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born March 10, 1921 in Kosciusko County to Frank and Mary (Burger) Montel.

On Jan. 9, 1965, he married Judy Clark. She died June 13, 1997.

Surviving are three sons, Johnathan Montel of Mishawaka, Mark Montel of Alexandria, Va., and Joe Montel of Edwardsburg, Mich.; two daughters, Susan K. Bradford of Mishawaka and Diana Pearson of Edwardsburg, Mich.; two brothers, Ernest Montel of Vandalia, Ohio and Frank Montel Jr. of LaOtto; three sisters, Beulah Morphew of Terre Haute, Elizabeth Morphew of Kokomo and Ruth Creighton of Alden, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Walter Montel; a sister, Marjorie Morgan; and a great-grandson, Jared Barnhart.

Norma Arington

KENDALLVILLE — Norma Jean Arington, 72, of rural Kendallville died unexpectedly Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, while on a shopping trip with her daughter to New York.

Among her survivors is her husband, Rex.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Irene Guiff

CHURUBUSCO — Irene O'Connell Guiff, 90, of Churubusco died at 4:08 a.m. today, Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Among her survivors are her husband, James; three children, Verdonna Konger, James O'Connell and Patsy O'Connell; and two stepchildren, Gladys Wakeman and Gerald Guiff.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637-3437.

Kathleen Brackney

Mrs. Brackney

GARDEN CITY, Mich. — Kathleen I. Brackney, 86, of Garden City, Mich., and formerly of Branch County, Mich., died Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

Mrs. Brackney was a homemaker.

She enjoyed her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was very active in the Branch County 4-H. She raised animals, did cooking and homemaking projects and won many ribbons over the years.

She was born on Oct. 26, 1920, in California Township, Branch County, to Harley and Frances May (Rootes) Ellis. She married George Brackney on May 4, 1941, in Montgomery, Mich., and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and William Slade; two sons and daughters-in-law, the Rev. Jerry and Rita Brackney, and William and Sandra Brackney; a brother, Harvey Ellis of Anchorage, Alaska; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, E. Wayne Ellis and Delbert Ellis; and a sister, Eva Lucille Budd.

Services will be at noon Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Mark Brackney officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery in Montgomery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Michigan Christian Youth Camp.

Condolences may be sent online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Mary Jane Myers

LAGRANGE — Mary Jane Myers, 81, of rural LaGrange died at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Myers

She was a lifetime LaGrange County resident, and graduated from Scott High School in 1943.

She was employed from 1953 to 1960 at Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., and also worked as secretary at Wade Electric in Sturgis.

Mrs. Myers was a 4-H leader in LaGrange County for 53 years, a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in LaGrange and a former member of Mongo Methodist Church, the square dance club in Sturgis and Albion Eagles.

She loved to fish and hunt, and played in a country-western band for more than 20 years. She played the guitar and piano which she taught herself, and was a wonderful singer and musician. She loved horses, dogs and animals, was a godmother to many children and raised a lot of the neighborhood children like her own.

On July 1, 1926, she was born in Valentine, Ind., to Fairy and Pearl (Dunten) Walter. She married Cloid Paul "Whitey" Myers in 1944. He preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 1953. She then married Raymond G. "Pete" Myers on April 4, 1960. He preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Wayne Myers Sr., Shipshewana, and Stanley Ray Myers Sr., LaGrange; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cheryle D. Quarry, Rome City, Cloidette Pauline and Larry Dillon, Edon, Ohio, and Renee G. and Thomas Richardson, Mongo; a brother, Ira Walter, Wawaka; 15 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and two husbands, she was preceded in death by brothers, Harold and Dean Walter; a sister, Dorothy Mae Walter; and a great-granddaughter, Jessica Renee Carpenter.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Meals on Wheels in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Earl DePew

GARRETT — Earl "Ernie" C. DePew, 87, of Garrett died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at 5:12 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

He was a supervisor at Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Co., retiring in 1982 after 30 years of service.

Mr. DePew was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the 223rd Quarter Master. He was past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

On Sept. 23, 1920, he was born in Altona to Clarence N. and Martha A. (Crummy) DePew.

He married Mildred "Millie" J. Smith on Jan. 21, 1947, in South Milford. She preceded him in death on Aug. 10, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Coleen and Mick Steward of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Betsy DePew and Joseph and Linda DePew, all of Garrett; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Paul DePew; his parents; brothers Loren and Newton DePew and sisters Nellie Weidler, Faye Malcolm, Ruby DePew and Grace Schworm; and two infant sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Memorials are to the Garrett High School athletic department.

To send condolences or sign the online register book, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

M. Joan Voirol

ALBION — M. Joan Voirol, 80, of Albion died at 12:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient one day.

Mrs. Voirol was a homemaker and 1942 graduate of Albion High School.

She was a member of Albion Presbyterian Church, Albion American Legion Auxiliary and a former member of the Eagles Lodge.

Mrs. Voirol enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs and Bulls and loved to read and knit. At one time she enjoyed boating and skiing.

She also enjoyed spending the winter months in Florida.

She was born July 7, 1927, in Kendallville to Henry Clay and Alice Josephine (Eagles) Curtis. She married Robert "Bob" Voirol on Jan. 9, 1949, in Covington, Ky. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Corinne and Galen Gillenwater and Roberta and Grant Merriman, all of Albion; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, with the Rev. Bret Frymier officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Active pallbearers will be Jeff Gillenwater, Mike Merriman, Melissa Voirol, Brandon Kimmell and Blake Vanover. Honorary pallbearers will be Audra Kimmell, Brooke Sell and Mariah Sell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral Home.

Memorials are to North Ridge Village Nursing Home.

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5 die in crash

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — Five people died and 11 were hurt Sunday when a van carrying Amish passengers veered out of control and overturned, ejecting most of its passengers.

Killed were three children and two adults when the southbound van veered left into a grassy median, flipped over and came to rest in the northbound lanes of Interstate 69 about 50 miles northeast of Indianapolis, Sgt. Rod Russell of the Indiana State Police said.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash, which occurred about 4:30 p.m, he said.

- Melvin Fisher, 39, Rockville, father and van driver: deceased
- Savilla Fisher, age unknown, Rockville, mother: deceased
- Ruben Fisher, 16, Rockville, son: deceased
- Christian Fisher, 11, Rockville, son: deceased
- Eli Fisher, 1, Rockville, son: deceased
- Leon Fisher, 13, Rockville, son: injured, Methodist Hospital
- Melvin Fisher Jr., 9, Rockville, son: injured, Ball Memorial Hospital
- Steven Fisher, 4, Rockville, son: injured, Lutheran Hospital
- Solome Fisher, 7, Rockville, daughter: injured, Riley Children's Hospital
- Joseph Lengacher, age unknown, New Haven, father: injured, Ball Memorial Hospital

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CRASH: *Officials say at least some of the victims were Amish*

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- Ida Lengacher, 32, New Haven, wife: injured, Methodist Hospital
- Matthew Lengacher, 9, New Haven, son, injured: Ball Memorial Hospital
- Mary Lengacher, 7, New Haven, daughter, injured: Methodist Hospital
- Nathan Lengacher, 5, New Haven, son, injured: Methodist Hospital
- Julia Lengacher, 3, New Haven, daughter, injured: Methodist Hospital
- John Lengacher, 1, New Haven, son, injured: Methodist Hospital

At the scene, the van lay on its side with its roof removed. Traffic in both directions was stopped as authorities used the highway as a landing zone for medical evacuation helicopters. Seven such helicopters were called to the scene, said Bill Gosnell, director of the Delaware County Emergency Management Agency.

Northbound lanes of I-69 did not reopen to traffic until 4 1/2 hours after the crash. Southbound lanes reopened about two hours after the crash.

Some of the victims hailed from an Amish community in the Fort Wayne area, about 50 miles northeast of the accident scene. Russell said authorities were trying to verify if some of the victims came from other Amish communities, which are spread across Indiana.

"We do believe that some were Amish," Russell said.

Amish people generally shun modern conveniences such as motor vehicles but sometimes enlist non-Amish as drivers.

It was not clear at first how many people had been riding in the van as survivors gave conflicting stories of 15, 16 or even 17 passengers. That led police and other responders to search the area for additional injured people until it became clear all of the people in the van were accounted for.

"It's controlled chaos is what it is when you have a situation like this" with ejections and large numbers of people injured, Russell said.

The crash occurred about 20 miles from the site of an April 2006 collision between a Taylor University van and a semitrailer rig that killed four students and a university employee and injured five other people.

The Taylor crash resulted in a highly publicized case of mistaken identity after the family of a student believed dead turned out to be another girl originally thought to have survived the crash.

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Steve Stahlhut

ANGOLA — Steve L. Stahlhut, 52, of Angola died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, in Fort Wayne,

He was born Sept. 14, 1955, in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Richard Bystry

COLDWATER, Mich. — Richard A. "Dick" Bystry, 59, of Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, Oct. 19, 2007, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich. following a several week illness.

Mr. Bystry first worked for the former Bronson Specialties Co., then the former Douglas Manufacturing Co., earning his journeyman's card in tool and die. He then worked 22 years at Sturgis Molded Products where he was a computer programmer in CAD design and became supervisor of the tool room and for the past five years he worked at D & L Tooling in Bronson, Mich.

He loved building, flying and eventually crashing his remote control model airplanes. He was a member of the LaGrange County R/C Flying Club and the American Model Airplane Club. He graduated from Bronson High School in 1969 and attended Glen Oaks Community College, earning his associate's degree in tool and die.

He also enjoyed computers, yard work, doing things in the barn, especially with his sons and grandchildren, and working on and rebuilding autos.

He was born Oct. 11, 1948, in Sturgis, Mich., son of Albert C. and Velma J. (Bauder) Bystry and was a lifelong Branch County resident. He married Sheila Woodard on January 18, 1969, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Coldwater. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Scot Bystry and Dusty Bystry, both of Coldwater, and Tad and Amy Bystry of Allegan, Mich.; grandchildren Kyleigh Bystry, Kassidy Bystry, Kelsey Bystry, Madison Bystry and Kennedy Bystry; his mother, Velma Bystry of Bronson; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry and Connie Bystry of Orland, David and Debbie Bystry of Union City, Mich. and Rex and Diane Bystry of Sturgis.

His father preceded him in death.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place. A Memorial Gathering will be held at the family home a beginning at noon on Sunday.

Memorial donations may be made to the family.

Kolcz Funeral Home of Bronson is assisting the family with arrangements.

The obituary is also at www.kolcz.com where private messages may be left for the family.

Cindy Maddox

Mrs. Maddox

HARTFORD CITY — Cindy Kay Maddox, 51, of Hartford City died Sunday, July 29, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Maddox was a homemaker.

She was a 1974 graduate of Warsaw High School and had attended Indiana University and Ball State University. She loved her role as mother and wife. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and was an avid reader. Cindy had a true love for the beach. She was a member of the Columbia Club of Indianapolis and the Blackford Golf Club.

She was born on June 11, 1956, in Wabash to Eugene England and Yvonne Sue (Lindzy) England. She married John Richard Maddox Jr., on Jan. 17, 2004, at Vera Mae's Bistro in Muncie. He survives.

She is also survived by her father, Eugene England of Silver Lake; mother Yvonne Sue England of Warsaw; daughter Laura L. Forbes of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three sons, Trevor S. Forbes of Hartford City, John Daniel Maddox and friend Kelsey Cooper of Hartford City, and Timothy R. Maddox of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two brothers Dennis and Kim England of Warsaw; brother-in-law, Scott Shanley of Manchester, Conn.; nephews, Chad England and Nicholas Shanley; and a niece Kirsten Shanley.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Vicki England.

Burial was in Hartford City Cemetery on the Maddox family lot.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Attn: Catherine Nesbitt, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231.

Online condolences may be sent to www.keplingerfuneralhome.com.

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Ryan Koble

FORT WAYNE — Ryan R. Koble, 27, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at his home.

He was employed with Wal-Mart in Auburn before being employed with Prestige Delivery Systems as an independent contractor for the last three years.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the son of Paul and Marianne Koble. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jenine Koble, at home; his fiancee, Jennifer Barbetta of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Chris and Rick Koble, both of Auburn; a grandmother, Elizabeth Koble of Fort Wayne; a grandfather, Donald Woodring of New Haven; and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Anna Woodring; a grandfather, Paul E. Koble; and an uncle, Donnie Woodring.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Jenine's education fund.

Clayton Gibson

ALBION — Clayton L. Gibson, 70, of Albion died at 5:05 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at his home. He had been in failing heath the past two years.

Mr. Gibson

Mr. Gibson had been employed at International Harvester for more than 30 years, working at the Fort Wayne plant until it closed and then in Springfield, Ohio, until retiring in 1997.

He was a member of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam.

Mr. Gibson was a 1955 graduate of Fleming County High School. He had moved to Noble County in 1965.

Mr. Gibson enjoyed IU basketball, country music and attending bluegrass festivals.

He was an avid gardener and dedicated family man.

He was born Aug. 15, 1937, in Sandy Hook, Ky., to Tivis and Grace (Watson) Gibson. He married Ruth Lee Terrell on Sept. 23, 1957, in New Albany. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Logan Gibson of Merriam and Wayne Gibson and Holly McDowell of Churubusco; two daughters, Sharon and Brain Smith of Kendallville and Karen and Bob Koldyke of Albion; a brother, Britton and Evie Gibson of Elliott County, Ky.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam with Pastors George Cecil and William Claxton officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, 4304 S. Oak St., Albion, IN 46701.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Shammra Lesser

ANGOLA — Shammra Anne Lesser, 17, of Angola died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Miss Lesser was a senior at Angola High School. She loved art. She attended the Temple Congregation Achduth Vesholom in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 5, 1990, in Angola to Benn D. Jones and Darla R. Lesser. Both survive in Angola.

She is also survived by three sisters, Hollie DeMerritt Charly Mudrack and Kasey Jones, all of Angola; maternal grandmother Gertrude Lesser of Angola; and a paternal grandmother, Ruby Jones of Angola.

She was preceded in death by maternal grandfather Eugene Lesser and paternal grandfather Ralph Jones.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola is handling arrangements.

A guestbook may be signed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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John Wilson

KENDALLVILLE — John B. Wilson, 81, of Kendallville died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. Wilson was born in Tipton on March 7, 1926, to David and Mary Elizabeth (Casey) Wilson.

He graduated from Noblesville High School in 1944 and entered the United States Navy, serving his country during World War II from 1944-47.

Upon his return home from the war, Mr. Wilson enrolled at Indiana University and graduated in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

He then was employed for 16 years at Pittsburg Plate Glass Co. and was the company's auditor.

Mr. Wilson began a career in the carpet business in 1966 and owned The Floor Store in Kendallville for 20 years. He eventually sold the store to Marilene Wilson in 1990.

He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and was known as "Bump" among his biker friends.

Survivors include longtime friend and business associate Marilene Wilson of Kendallville and two stepdaughters, Lynn Beights of Kendallville and Liane Harworth of Canon City, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Roger Wilson; and a sister, Jane Wilson.

There will be no services or calling.

Burial will take place in Noblesville at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Norma Arington

KENDALLVILLE — Norma Jean Arington, 72, of Kendallville died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, in New York City while traveling.

Mrs. Arington

Mrs. Arington was retired from Renaissance Publishing in Auburn.

She was a 1953 graduate of Lewisport High School in Kentucky.

Mrs. Arington loved tending to her flower gardens, decorating her home and sewing. Her pride and joy were all of her grandchildren and she loved spending time with them.

She was born in Patesville, Ky., on Aug. 2, 1935, to Clifton and Louise (Simpson) Jones. She married Rexal Lee Arington on April 25, 1953, in Cloverport, Ky. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Sharon Arington of Vaughan, Wash., and Kevin and Jodi Arington of Kendallville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Penny and Eugene "Pete" Strack of Churubusco, Terry and Jeffrey Meyer of Huntertown and Nadine and Sherlin Bollman of Pierce City, Mo.; 15 grandchildren, Jim, Jamie, Kadi, Kara, Keith, Rexanna, Matt, Jacob, Justin, Nicole, Brett, Breanna, Abby, Cortney Jean and Spencer Hugh; three great-grandchildren; four brothers, H.W. and Margie Jones of Melton, Fla., Danny and Linda Jones of Lewisport, Ky., Ray and Jeannette Jones of Owensboro, Ky., and Glen and Lana Jones of Lewisport, Ky.; and three sisters, Mary and Gene Powers of Hawesville, Ky., Judy and Mickey Payne of Hawesville and Sunny and Steve King of Cannelton, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant sister, Betty Jo Jones.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier and Pastor Bob Farmer officiating. Burial will be at Swan Cemetery near LaOtto. Pallbearers will be Kevin Arington, Jim Meyer, Jacob Arington, Justin Hughes, Brett Strack and Matt Arington.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Christian Academy Playground Equipment Fund.

View a video tribute (after Wednesday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Helen McMann

PLEASANT LAKE — Helen V. McMann, 99, formerly of Pleasant Lake, died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington, Texas.

Arrangements are pending at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

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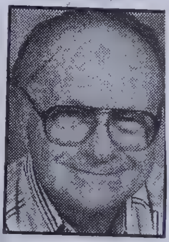
Leroy Beiswanger

KENDALLVILLE — Leroy "Smiley" Beiswanger, 86, of Kendallville died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.


Mr. Beiswanger

He had been employed in janitorial maintenance with East Noble School Corp. from 1955-1986.

He was a member of South Milford Church of Christ.

He enjoyed refinishing furniture and gardening.

Mr. Beiswanger was born in Milford on Feb. 22, 1921, to Fredrick and Edna (Thomas) Beiswanger. He married Luella Mae Bean on July 1, 1972, in Kendallville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susie and Robert Conrad of Kendallville; a stepson, Jeff and Pam Kotterman of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Connie and Michael Crist and Jackie and Harold Kline, all of Kendallville; a sister, Jean Aungst of Kendallville; two grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Arlo, Arden, Paul and Eldon Beiswanger, and three sisters, Marian Beiswanger, Irene Gage and Lucille VanWagner.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastors Gil Alicea and Jim Mertz officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Ellen Gabbard

CONNERSVILLE — Ellen "Meme" Gabbard, 67, of Connersville died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Gabbard had retired from Stant Manufacturing Co. in 1984.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and the Joy Sunday school class.

Mrs. Gabbard enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed camping, cooking and working in her home and garden.

She was born Jan. 6, 1940, in Hellier, Ky., to Foster and Nellie (Simpson) Davis. She was a 1958 graduate of Hellier High School.

She married Merle Don Gabbard on Sept. 22, 1959, in Virginia. He died Oct. 15, 2001.

Surviving are four daughters, Jean and Travis Weston of Connersville, Dawn and Bob Brendel of Kendallville, Denise Davis of Oklahoma and Dody Gabbard of Oklahoma; eight grandchildren, Denoda Martin, James McCain, R. Baron Brendel and his wife Abby, Leanne Brendel, Kristin Gilley, Jacob Gilley, Drayden Weston and Zachary Weston; two great-grandchildren, Blake Martin and Alyssa McCain; a sister, Evelyn Eliton of Connersville; and a special niece and her family, Stephanie, Seth, Megan and Katie Selke of Richmond.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and five brothers, Foster Davis Jr., Edward Davis, Glen Davis, Al Dean Davis and Baron Davis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home, 1704 N. Grand Ave., Connersville, with Pastor John Reynolds of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Dale Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fayette County Cancer Fund.

Send condolences online to www.millermosterrobbins.com.

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Randal Graddy

SYRACUSE — Randal Lee Graddy, 48, of Syracuse died Friday, Oct. 19, 2007.

He was the former owner of G&H Construction Co.

Mr. Graddy was a member of the Northeastern Indiana Builders Association until 1998.

Mr. Graddy

He was passionate about music and loved playing his guitar and singing.

Mr. Graddy donated to various local charities.

He was born Sept. 7, 1959, in Greenfield to Ervin Howard and Virginia Mae (Milner) Graddy.

Surviving are his wife, Roberta E. (Tripp) Graddy of Syracuse; four daughters, Monique R. Pearson of Middlebury, Leigha M. Graddy of Howe, Tosha L. Graddy of Middlebury and Judy M. Graddy of Goshen; three stepdaughters, Heather Moore of Marion, Ohio, Holly Gills of LaGrange and Heidi Elan of Syracuse; three grandchildren, Dilyn J. Pearson, Jordan B. Pearson and Brody W. Wood; three stepgrandchildren, Kain Pearson, Meranda Magg and Carley Moore; two brothers, Ronald H. Graddy of LaGrange and Jeff W. Graddy of Windham, Maine; and three sisters, Darla K. Robbins of LaGrange, Denise Kirkwood of Syracuse and Julie Certain of Lexington, Ky.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Stillinger Family Funeral Home, Pasco Chapel, Greenfield.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Randal Lee Graddy Memorial Fund in C/O Stillinger Family Funeral Home, 1780 W. Main St., Greenfield, IN 46140.

Online condolences may be sent to www.stillingerfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Irene Guiff

CHURUBUSCO — Irene O'Connell Guiff, 90, of rural Churubusco died at 4:08 a.m. Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Guiff

She had been employed at Blue Bell in Columbia City and at the Magic Wand restaurant in Churubusco.

Mrs. Guiff was a member of Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 157.

She enjoyed playing euchre, making pies and spending time with her friends.

She was born June 16, 1917, in Wolf Lake to Lewis and Delliah (Marrs) Hyndman. She married Loren O'Connell on March 14, 1934. He died Oct. 29, 1969. She then married James L. Guiff on Aug. 20, 1977. He survives.

Also surviving are three children, Verdonna "Tootie" and Paul Konger of Albion, James and Nancy O'Connell of Huntertown and Patsy O'Connell of Fort Wayne; two stepchildren, Gladys Wakeman of Columbia City and Gerald "Jerry" and Marsha Guiff of Churubusco; a sister, Wanetta Snepp of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Alice Birch and Mary Jane Geiger; four brothers, Robert, Leroy, Ralph and Chester Hyndman; a stepdaughter, Audrey Valjack; and a great-grandson, Ben Konger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery at Pierceton.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Women, Churubusco American Legion Auxiliary or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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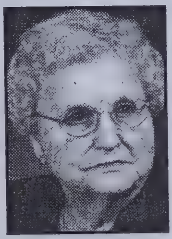
Ladyne Kurtz

BLAKESLEE, Ohio — Ladyne C. Kurtz, 87, of Blakeslee, Ohio, died at 9:50 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio, where she had been a patient for one day.


Mrs. Kurtz

Mrs. Kurtz was a 1938 graduate of Montpelier High School. She had worked as a housekeeper for the Plaza Motel in Bryan, Ohio, for 16 years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee, the Altar Society and Catholic Ladies of Columbia.

She was born May 5, 1920, at St. Michael Ridge in Defiance County, Ohio, to William and Leota (Oberlin) Keller.

She married Harold M. Kurtz on Oct. 5, 1940, in Blakeslee. He died Dec. 14, 1997.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, William and Denise Kurtz of Butler, Tom and Vickie Kurtz of Edon, Ohio, Donald Kurtz of Blakeslee and Steve Kurtz of Edgerton, Ohio; four daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Bob Richmond of Auburn, Mary and Bill Word of Camden, Mich., Elaine Lirot and Ken Houghton of Bronson, Mich., and Jane and Tom Lambcke of LaGrange; 22 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Martha Mayer of Holgate, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Christopher Kurtz and Jamee Lirot, three infant daughters, one infant son, two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Blakeslee, Ohio, with Father Stephen Schroeder and Father Fred Duschl officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery near Blakeslee.

Calling will be at Krill Funeral Home in Edon, Ohio, after 2 p.m. Thursday, with a scripture service Thursday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Albert Terwilliger

LAGRANGE — Albert Philmour "Phil" Terwilliger, 85, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Terwilliger moved to LaGrange in 1977 from Kokomo, where he was the owner of Moellering Supply Co.'s Kokomo branch, selling maintenance equipment and janitorial supplies.

He was a member of the LaGrange First United Methodist Church, where he sang in the church choir.

Mr. Terwilliger was an avid golfer.

He was a former member of the Kokomo Lions Club and Kokomo Chamber of Commerce.

He was born on March 25, 1922, in Newburgh, N.Y., to Albert S. and Emma (Baker) Terwilliger. He married Charlotte B. Baker in Fort Wayne on July 30, 1946. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter, Joy Dennis of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Patty Terwilliger of Wolcottville; four grandchildren, Edward Dennis, Peter Dennis, Chad Terwilliger and Lauren Terwilliger; and a great-grandson, Colin Dennis.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two sisters, Florence Minard and Helena Quimby.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the LaGrange First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange First United Methodist Church Music Department.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

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Florence Husted

ANGOLA — Florence R. "Flo" Husted, 96, of Angola, formerly of Bryan, Ohio, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, in Angola.

Mrs. Husted taught home economics for 30 years in the Stryker and Fairview school districts in Ohio.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She graduated from Purdue University in 1931, and was a member of the Purdue Alumni Association. She enjoyed traveling the world with her husband, Claude. She and her husband joined the Peace Corps and went on assignment to Western Samoa in the South Pacific. She had a close relationship with a local Samoan girl, who, when she married, named her first two children Florence and Claude.

She was born March 18, 1911, in Waterloo to Henry and Addie (Jackman) Renner, who both preceded her in death. She married Claude Husted on Sept. 5, 1933. He died April 17, 2005.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Walter Wesley and JoAnn Husted of Mount Vernon, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Claudette and Frank Herbert of Houston; a sister, Sarah Renner Hughes of Dallas; three grandchildren, Robert, John and Vincent; three step-granddaughters, Lori, Jennifer and Pam; seven great-grandchildren, Joseph, Jaren, Vincent, Trenton, Daniel, Katie and Catherine; and two step-great-grandchildren, Kayla and Kyle.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers and sisters, Gertrude Renner Shearer, Alice Latier, Helen Renner Hughes, Howard Renner and Walter Renner.

Memorial services will be Sunday at Cameron Woods in Angola, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Helen McMann

ARLINGTON, Texas — Helen (Ball) McMann, 99, formerly of Pleasant Lake, died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, in Arlington, Texas.

Mrs. McMann graduated as valedictorian from Wawaka High School and lived most of her life in northeast Indiana before moving to north Texas.

She was born Jan. 20, 1908, in Monroeville to Edward and Mary Alice (Wherry) Ball, who both preceded her in death. She was married to Theodore "Ted" McMann, who also preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Lowell and Joan McMann of Grand Prairie, Texas; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Gorrell; two sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Steve Stahlhut

ANGOLA — Steve L. Stahlhut, 52, of Angola died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stahlhut

Mr. Stahlhut was the owner of the Roadhouse Cafe and Lounge in Angola, along with the Field of Dreams mini-mall and storage units.

He was a member of the Orland American Legion and Nightcrawlers. He enjoyed family, friends, golfing and traveling.

He was born on Sept. 14, 1955, in Fort Wayne to Ronald and Grace Engelbert Stahlhut. He was raised by his father and his stepmother, Helen Stahlhut. All three proceeded him in death.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Jenifer Stahlhut and Brian Kuhn of Angola, and Kim Stahlhut of Helmer; a brother and sister-in-law, Merle and Diane Goodin of Fort Wayne; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Diane and Rod Broyles of Fort Wayne, Maria and Brian Kresse of Orland, and Jackie Sarsfield of New York; and three grandchildren, Kaelah, Brianna and Destin.

He was also preceded in death by is former wife and life-long friend, Dana Stahlhut, on Jan. 1, 2006.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola .

Calling will be two hours before services at the funeral home.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information and provide additional information.*

M. Joan Voirol

ALBION — M. Joan Voirol, 80, of Albion died at 12:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient one day.

Mrs. Voirol was a homemaker and 1945 graduate of Albion High School.

She was a member of Albion Presbyterian Church, Albion American Legion Auxiliary and a former member of the Eagles Lodge.

Mrs. Voirol enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs and Bulls and loved to read and knit. At one time she enjoyed boating and skiing.

She also enjoyed spending the winter months in Florida.

She was born July 7, 1927, in Kendallville to Henry Clay and Alice Josephine (Eagles) Curtis. She married Robert "Bob" Voirol on Jan. 9, 1949, in Covington, Ky. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Corinne and Galen Gillenwater and Roberta and Grant Merriman, all of Albion; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, with the Rev. Bret Frymier officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Active pallbearers will be Jeff Gillenwater, Keith Gillenwater, Mike Merriman, Melissa Voirol, Brandon Kimmell and Blake Vanover. Honorary pallbearers will be Audra Kimmell, Brooke Sell and Mariah Sell.

Memorials are to North Ridge Village Nursing Home.

Jim Butkiewicz

FREMONT — Jim C. Butkiewicz, 62, of Long Beach Lake, Fremont, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Butkiewicz

Mr. Butkiewicz was retired from Sears and Signal Deliveries in Merrillville.

He attended St. John of the Angels in East Chicago, and was a graduate of Calumet High School. He moved to Steuben County in 1995. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, boating, and being at the lake and outdoors.

He was born on July 20, 1945, in East Chicago, Ill., to Chester and Helen Butkiewicz. Both preceded him in death. He married Jenine Ryan on Dec. 7, 1974, in Lowell. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph Ross of Merrillville and Michael Ross of Lowell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Andrea Ross of Tell City and Kelly and Bob Zimmerman of Fairhope, Ala.; five grandchildren, Miles Stepp, Lucas Stepp, Austin Ross, Tricia Ross and Michael Zimmerman; and a brother, Gene Raymond Butkiewicz of Oklahoma City.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Mary Christine Butkiewicz and Lourene Marie Ross.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony of Padua in Angola, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. A scripture service will be held at the funeral home at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the St. Anthony's Catholic Church Building Fund.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

John Malcolm

CHURUBUSCO — John H. "Hank" Malcolm, 87, of Ari died at 9:10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Among his survivors are his children, John Malcolm, Jerry Malcolm Karen Van Gunten, Jean Aylesworth, Allen Malcolm, Michael Malcolm, Marsha Jackson and Brian Malcolm.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Leroy Beiswanger

KENDALLVILLE — Leroy "Smiley" Beiswanger, 86, of Kendallville died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Beiswanger

He had been employed in janitorial maintenance with East Noble School Corp. from 1955-1986.

He was a member of South Milford Church of Christ.

He enjoyed refinishing furniture and gardening.

Mr. Beiswanger was born in Milford on Feb. 22, 1921, to Fredrick and Edna (Thomas) Beiswanger. He married Lou Kotterman on July 1, 1972, in Kendallville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susie and Robert Conrad of Kendallville; a stepson, Jeff and Pam Kotterman of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Connie and Michael Crist and Jackie and Harold Kline, all of Kendallville; a sister, Jean Aungst of Kendallville; two grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Arlo, Arden, Paul and Eldon Beiswanger, and three sisters, Marian Beiswanger, Irene Gage and Lucille VanWagner.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastors Gil Alicea and Jim Mertz officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

Vera Lovejoy

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Vera M. Lovejoy, 85, of Montpelier, Ohio, died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007, at her home.

She was a retired from Winzeler Stamping Co. in Montpelier, where she had worked as a machinist for 32 years.

She was a member of Central United Brethren Church in Montpelier and had been a volunteer at the Church Women United Thrift Shop in Bryan, Ohio. She also volunteered at the Montpelier Hospital Auxiliary. She was a 1940 graduate of Montpelier High School.

She was born March 21, 1922, near Montpelier to Mildred L. Tingle and William Pike, who both preceded her in death. She was married to Lyle Lovejoy, who preceded her in death in 1971. She later married Doyle Lovejoy, who died in April 1976.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Mildred and Roger Harding of Bowling Green, Ohio, and Patricia and Michael Jackson of Montpelier; five grandchildren and two spouses, Tammy Barfell of Bowling Green, Mark Barfell of Findlay, Ohio, Lara Harding of Seattle, Annie and Duane Moon of Montpelier, and Evonne and Edward Hager of Montpelier; and three great-grandchildren, Summer Moon, Thomas Henderson, and Marie Hager; a brother, Jack Pike of Howell, Mich.; and a sister, Marcella Lovejoy of Angola.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Lovejoy, in Jan. 2205, five brothers, Vern, Wayne, William, Louis and Leslie Pike; and a grandson, Dean Nichols.

Services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Wilson-Greeley Funeral Home in Montpelier, with the Rev. Mike Martinelli officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier.

Calling will be held today from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Handbell Choir of the First Christian Church of Disciples of Christ in Bowling Green, or to the Central United Brethren Church in Montpelier. Because of allergies, the family requests no fresh cut flowers.

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John F. Miller

We want to thank all our family, friends and neighbors that have shown us tremendous kindness and support during this difficult time. Our Dad was a warm and loving person and we miss him very much. He would appreciate all that you have done for our family. Please know that you all meant the world to him and he will be with you always. Special thanks to St. Michaels Parish, Fellers Funeral Home, The Hamilton Fish and Game Club, The Hamilton American Legion and the countless others. We thank God for giving us the best father in the world. May his memory, laughter and kindness live forever through all of us.

With love and deepest gratitude,
The Family of John Miller

ALBION NEW ERA
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Irene O'Connell Guiff, 90

CHURUBUSCO -- Irene O'Connell Guiff, 90, a resident of rural Churubusco in Allen County, died at 4:08 a.m. on Monday, October 22, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City following a lengthy illness. She had been in declining health for some time, and had been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Guiff was born on June 16, 1917 at Wolf Lake, a daughter of Lewis and Delliah (Marrs) Hyndman, and spent her formative years in Noble, Whitley, and Koskiusko Counties. She was married in Columbia City to Loren O'Connell on March 14, 1934, and had lived in the Churubusco area since 1940. Mr. O'Connell preceded her in death on October 29, 1969.

As a young woman she was employed at Blue Bell in Columbia City, and later in life, worked at The Magic Wand Restaurant. She was a member of the Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 157. On August 20, 1977 she married James L. Guiff in Allen County. He survives.

Also surviving are her three children: Verdonna "Tootie" (Paul) Konger of rural Albion, James (Nancy) O'Connell of Huntertown, and Patsy O'Connell of Fort Wayne; two step-children, Gladys Wakeman of Columbia City and Gerald "Jerry" (Marsha) Guiff of Churubusco; and a sister, Wanetta Snepp of Columbia City. There are eight grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, several step-great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and several step-great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Alice Birch and Mary Jane Geiger; four brothers, Robert Hyndman, Leroy Hyndman, Ralph Hyndman, and Chester Hyndman; a step-daughter, Audrey Valjack; and by a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Larry Smith, Pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary today from 2-8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Interment will be at the Hillcrest Cemetery at Pierceton.

Memorials are requested to be made to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Women, Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Elton B. Cogan, 86

AVILLA – Elton B. Cogan, age 86, of Avilla, passed away on Friday, October 19, 2007 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Elton was born in Kendallville, Indiana on July 14, 1921 to Edward LeRoy and Martha Frances (Culver) Cogan.

He married Betty June Prouty on October 30, 1942 in South Bend, Indiana and she preceded his death on June 20, 2004.

Mr. Cogan was employed early on with Flint & Walling and then was a farm implement salesman for 35 years with Meyer Farm Equipment in Avilla. He sold Ford & New Idea farm equipment.

Elton was involved for many years in the horse industry and raced quarter horses.

He enjoyed cars and trucks and was current with the Auto Trader magazine.

Elton also took care of his neighbor on a daily basis. He would take him to the doctor, office and the grocery store on a regular basis.

Survivors include: two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Bill Lovett of Kendallville, Tammie and Mark Hiatt of Henryetta, Oklahoma; three granddaughters, Tiffany and Ron Dunkel of Mongo, Heather and Josh Keipper of Rome City, Kallie and Matt McGuire of Henryetta, Oklahoma; five great grandchildren, Leyton and Nash Keipper and Konnor McGuire, Leah and August Dunkel; two brothers, Harry Cogan of Michigan, Gene Cogan of Avilla; two sisters, Ruth Molargik and Mary Ann Rottmiller both of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Raymond, and a sister, Waunita.

Funeral Services were at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Dan Barker.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

M. Joan Voirol, 80

ALBION — M. Joan Voirol, 80, of Albion died at 12:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient one day.

Mrs. Voirol was a homemaker and 1942 graduate of Albion High School.

She was a member of Albion Presbyterian Church, Albion American Legion Auxiliary and a former member of the Eagles Lodge.

Mrs. Voirol enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs and Bulls and loved to read and knit. At one time she enjoyed boating and skiing.

She also enjoyed spending the winter months in Florida.

She was born July 7, 1927, in Kendallville to Henry Clay and Alice Josephine (Eagles) Curtis. She married Robert "Bob" Voirol on Jan. 9, 1949, in Covington, Ky. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Corinne and Galen Gillenwater and Roberta and Grant Merriman, all of Albion; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, with the Rev. Bret Frymier officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Active pallbearers were Jeff Gillenwater, Mike Merriman, Melissa Voirol, Brandon Kimmell and Blake Vanover. Honorary pallbearers were Audra Kimmell, Brooke Sell and Mariah Sell.

Memorials are to North Ridge Village Nursing Home.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Clayton L. Gibson, 70

ALBION -- Clayton L. Gibson, 70, of rural Albion, died at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2007, at the family residence in Jefferson Township. He had been in failing health for the past two and one-half years.

Mr. Gibson was born in Sandy Hook, Kentucky on August 15, 1937, a son of the late Tivis and Grace (Watson) Gibson. He spent his formative years in Kentucky and graduated from Fleming County High School in 1955. On September 23, 1957, he was married in New Albany to Ruth Lee Terrell, and moved to Noble County in 1965. His employment with International Harvester spanned a period of over 30 years. He first worked at the Fort Wayne plant for several years until it closed, and continued working at their Springfield, Ohio plant until retiring in 1997. He attended Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth, to whom he was married for 50 years; two sons, Logan Gibson of Merriam and A. Wayne (Holly McDowell) Gibson of Churubusco; two daughters, Sharon (Brian) Smith of Kendallville and Karen (Bob) Koldyke of Albion; a brother, Britton (Evie) Gibson of Elliott Co., Ky; eight grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters Marie and Myrtle; brothers, Rollie, John, Russ and Bill; and by four young siblings, Beulah, Manie, Hershell and Junior.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam with Pastors George Ceil and William Claxton, officiating. Friends may call at the church on Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. or one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Interment will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be directed to the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, 4304 S. Oak Street, Albion.

Condolenes may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Velma Marie Hunter, 93

KENDALLVILLE - Velma Marie Hunter, age 93, of Kendallville, passed away on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hunter was born in Avilla on November 5, 1913 to Charles John and Matilda Edith Sarah (Housholder) Wolf and she graduated from Avilla High School in 1931.

She married William T. Hunter on July 22, 1964 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

He preceded her death in 1989.

Mrs. Hunter was employed with J.C. Penney in Kendallville for 20 years and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Velma enjoyed playing euchre and bingo. Years ago, she loved to travel with her husband, Bill.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy and Marlo "Bud" Munk of Albion; grandchildren, Shane and Rachel Munk of Greenwood and Randy and Dawn Brewer of Mishawaka; great grandchildren, triplets: Spencer, Scout, and Shaydon Munk and Sydney Munk; Shauna Brewer, Dameon and Ian Brewer; daughter-in-law, Nancy Shultz of Mishawaka; sister, Doris Johnson of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Francis Wolf of Oldsmar, Florida and Irene Forker of Albion; two brothers-in-law, Jack and Phyllis Hunter of Bluffton, Dale and Linda Shultz of Albion; several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Thomas Edward Shultz in 1992.

No Visitation.

Graveside Funeral Services was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery near Avilla.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Thomas A. Dunbar.

Burial was at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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October 25, 2007, Thursday

Linda Kunce

CROMWELL — Linda K. Kunce, 59, of Cromwell died at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kunce

Her death was unexpected and came two days after her 40th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Kunce had moved to the Cromwell area 40 years ago from Warsaw.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed attending craft bazaars, music, singing, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Kunce was one of the founding members of the Ligonier Evangelical Church, and played the piano there on a regular basis. She also made many overseas mission trips.

She was born June 22, 1948, in Warsaw to Devon Eugene and Mary (Ivey) Zolman. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Warsaw.

She married Roger Kunce on Oct. 21, 1967, in Warsaw. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brad Kunce of Cromwell and Brian and Tammy Kunce of Monterey, Ind.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Fred Zolman and Donald and Darci Zolman, all of Warsaw; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan Elaine and Lavon Wood of Warsaw; and two grandchildren, Kyle and Rachel Kunce.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Craig Kunce, on July 28, 1995.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South in Ligonier, with the Rev. David Kushman and the Rev. Hubert Harriman officiating. Burial will be in Indian Village Cemetery near Cromwell.

Calling will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the World Gospel Mission.

J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences are to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Tony Keeler

ST. JOE — Tony L. Keeler, 52, of St. Joe died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at his home in St. Joe.

Mr. Keeler worked in the maintenance department at Vulcraft in St. Joe. He also owned and operated Jiggs Motor Service in St. Joe.

He was born July 30, 1955, in Auburn to H. Ralph and Olevia L. (Metzger) Keeler. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Randa S. and Lloyd Germano of Fort Wayne; a brother, Lonny L. Keeler of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Jeremy Keeler; two nieces and a spouse, Ashley Keeler and Simone and Jim Asher; and a great-nephew, Gannon Asher.

Graveside services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe, with evangelist Harvey Hacker officiating.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association or DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Opal Myers

AUBURN — Opal M. Myers, 86, of Auburn died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, at her home in Auburn with her family by her side.

Mrs. Myers was employed as a clerk for the Newberry's store in Auburn for more than 25 years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 97 in Auburn, and was baptized at the Church of Christ in Auburn.

She was born Oct. 17, 1921, in DeKalb County to Lawrence and Faye (Ordway) Green. They preceded her in death.

She married Max R. Myers in Steuben County on Sept. 23, 1937. He died July 27, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sue and Herb Schwartz of Auburn and Pam Gillespie of Auburn; four grandchildren, Andy Schwartz, Tammy Freeman, Tiffany Wells and Elizabeth Gillespie; eight great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Darlene Green of Columbia, Ohio; and one sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Don Heers of Marcellus, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence Green Jr. and Robert Green; and two sisters, Lois Reddy and Helen Wills.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

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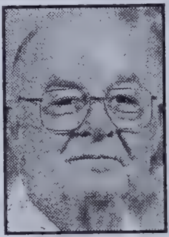
John Malcolm

CHURUBUSCO — John H. "Hank" Malcolm, 87, a former resident of Ari east of Churubusco died at 9:10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.


Mr. Malcolm

He had been employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 42 years, retiring from there in 1983.

Mr. Malcolm spent his formative years in Allen County and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1937. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He moved to Ari in 1952 where he lived much of his adult life.

He was the former commander of the Jim Eby Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 857 in Fort Wayne and was also a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4337 in Inverness, Fla., and Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Mr. Malcolm had moved to Floral City, Fla., in 1983 and returned to the area in 2005.

He was born north of Huntertown on Dec. 3, 1919, to Morley and Edna (Pulver) Malcolm. He married Phyllis Sible on Aug. 1, 1942. She died Oct. 1, 1983. He then married Marietta Beckman on Nov. 24, 1984. She preceded him in death on April 1, 2004.

Surviving are his eight children and their spouses and companions, John L. Malcolm and Cala Laible of Augusta, Ga., Jerry E. and Vi Malcolm of Miami, Fla., Karen and John Von Gunten of Fort Wayne, Jean and George Alyesworth of Englewood, Fla., Alan Malcolm and Sherry Slavin of Churubusco, Michael and Margaret Malcolm of Columbia City, Marsha Jackson of Sarasota, Fla., and Brian Malcolm of Las Vegas, Nev.; eight stepchildren and their families; a sister, Jean and Donald Pontius of Colfax, N.C.; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Donald J. Malcolm, Robert Malcolm and Maurice Malcolm; and a sister, Marjorie Pool.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Dennis Beckner officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco, with military graveside rites by Jim Eby VFW Post 857.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to add a time for the memorial service.*

Florence Husted

ANGOLA — Florence R. "Flo" Husted, 96, of Angola, formerly of Bryan, Ohio, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, in Angola.

Mrs. Husted taught home economics for 30 years in the Stryker and Fairview school districts in Ohio.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She graduated from Purdue University in 1931, and was a member of the Purdue Alumni Association. She enjoyed traveling the world with her husband, Claude. She and her husband joined the Peace Corps and went on assignment to Western Samoa in the South Pacific. She had a close relationship with a local Samoan girl, who, when she married, named her first two children Florence and Claude.

She was born March 18, 1911, in Waterloo to Henry and Addie (Jackman) Renner, who both preceded her in death. She married Claude Husted on Sept. 5, 1933. He died April 17, 2005.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Walter Wesley and JoAnn Husted of Mount Vernon, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Claudette and Frank Herbert of Houston; a sister, Sarah Renner Hughes of Dallas; three grandchildren, Robert, John and Vincent; three step-granddaughters, Lori, Jennifer and Pam; seven great-grandchildren, Joseph, Jaren, Vincent, Trenton, Daniel, Katie and Catherine; and two step-great-grandchildren, Kayla and Kyle.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers and sisters, Gertrude Renner Shearer, Alice Latier, Helen Renner Hughes, Howard Renner and Walter Renner.

Memorial services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Cameron Woods in Angola, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Carl Miller

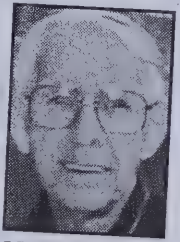
FREMONT — Carl Glen Miller, 77, of Fremont, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 25, 2007, Thursday

Raymond Gulick Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond Eugene Gulick Sr., 74, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, at the residence of his longtime companion, Carolyn Miller, in Kendallville.


Mr. Gulick Sr.

Mr. Gulick had been employed his entire 41-year working career with Flint & Walling.

He was a very talented artist and draftsmen. Many years ago, he played guitar in a band and still loved to listen to guitar music.

He enjoyed science, airplanes, model rockets, woodworking and making clocks. He also enjoyed leather crafts and loved to practice shooting his pistol.

Appreciating nature was a favorite pastime and he loved to sit outside and feel the warmth of the sun. He also loved animals, especially the family dog Bubbles. He especially loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Gulick was a U.S. Army veteran and proud of his service to his country. He was a member of Kendallville American Legion Post 86.

Mr. Gulick was born in Kendallville on Feb. 13, 1933, to John Paul Gulick and Lucille Wagner and raised by his adoptive mother, Mary Holsinger Gulick.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ray Jr. and Connie Gulick of Kendallville and Robert and Donna Gulick of Avilla; longtime companion and special friend, Carolyn Miller of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Jason Gulick of Kendallville, Chasity and Chad Bruce of Kendallville, Chad and Erica Gulick of Kendallville and Michael Gulick of Kendallville; four great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Austin Gulick and Drake and Kayla Bruce; three stepsons, Danny and Patty Miller of Glendale, Ariz., Greg and Deb Miller of Kendallville and Terry J. Miller of Wawaka; a stepdaughter, Roxanne and Steve May of Vonore, Tenn.; the mother of Raymond and Robert Gulick, Barbara Jacobs of Albion; stepgrandchildren, Dustin Abts, Tyler Miller, Nicholas Miller, Kelcie and Holly Miller, April May and Jewel May; two half sisters, Helen (Wagner) and Robert Eccles of Marion and Sadie (Wagner) Humphries of LaFontaine.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his adoptive mother, Mary (Holsinger) Gulick; two half brothers, Ivan and Everett Gulick and George Wagner; and a half sister, Loretta Welch.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

View a video tribute (after Friday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donna Knox

BUTLER — Donna June Knox, 88, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Joyce Dryden

TOLEDO, Ohio — Joyce "Gladys" Dryden, 102, of Toledo, Ohio, formerly of Steuben County, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio's Perrysburg Inpatient Unit.

Mrs. Dryden was employed as a bookkeeper for the A&P Food Markets for 25 years.

She was a member of First St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Toledo, where she was a member of the senior group, senior choir and a longtime member of the Sunday school class.

She was born in Steuben County on Oct. 1, 1905, to Ray and Maude (Null) Meek. She was married to John Dryden, who preceded her in death in 1990.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Jean Rost of Cedar Crest, N.M., and Mary Jo and David Dressell Sr. of Whitheouse, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jack; brothers Raymond and Thomas Meek; and grandsons Stephen and Gregory Rost.

Services will be at First St. Mark's Lutheran Church Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Park, Toledo.

Calling will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Eggleston Meinert Pavley Funeral Home, Toledo.

Memorials are to either St. Mark's Lutheran Church or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

The family would like to thank her niece Judy for all her loving care.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
October 25, 2007, Thursday

Ronald Deetz

GILROY, Calif. — Ronald William Deetz, 62, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, surrounded by numerous loved ones.

Mr. Deetz

He was a husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Born into a large family on Dec. 20, 1944, in DeKalb County, he spent his youth on his family's farm.

After earning a bachelor's degree from Purdue University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Golden Gate University, Mr. Deetz pursued a rewarding career in semiconductor quality assurance for Signetics, Philips Semiconductors and NXP; a job that provided him the opportunity to travel the world.

As a 27-year resident of Gilroy, Calif., he nurtured lifelong relationships with many of his neighbors. In his spare time, he enjoyed home-improvement projects, playing the piano, barbecuing and spending time with his family. He was a member of the local Elks lodge and would yearly trade his corporate tie for a grill-master's apron at the Garlic Festival.

Surviving are his wife, Louise; his mother, Alice; his children, Jeffrey, Angela, Brian and Joshua; his grandchildren, Kenneth, Michelle and Ryan; and his brothers and sisters, Donald, James, John, Jean Saggars of Ligonier, and Judy Rensch.

Services were held on Oct. 17 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Gilroy, Calif.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Linda Kunce

CROMWELL — Linda K. Kunce, 59, of Cromwell died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne at 2:15 p.m.

Her death was unexpected and came two days after her 40th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Kunce was born in Warsaw on June 22, 1948 to Devon Eugene and Mary (Ivey) Zolman. Her mother survives in Warsaw.

She is also survived by her husband of 40 years, Roger Kunce. They were married on Oct. 21, 1967 in Warsaw.

She moved to the Cromwell area 40 years ago from Warsaw.

Also surviving are two sons, Brad Kunce of Cromwell and Brian Kunce and his wife, Tammy, of Monterey, Indiana.

She is also survived by two brothers, Fred Zolman and Donald (Darci) Zolman, both of Warsaw; a sister, Susan Elaine (Lavon) Wood of Warsaw; two grandchildren, Kyle and Rachel Kunce.

She was preceded in death by her father and one son, Craig Kunce, who passed away on July 28, 1995.

Linda was a homemaker who enjoyed craft bazaars, singing, traveling and attending church. She was one of the founding members of the Ligonier Evangelical Church, and played the piano there on a regular basis.

She also made many overseas mission trips.

Visitation will be this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, with Rev. David Kushman and Rev. Hubert Harriman officiating.

Burial will take place in Indian Village Cemetery near Cromwell.

Memorials are to the World Gospel Mission.

J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

On-line condolences may be sent to brazzellfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 26, 2007, Friday

Donna June Knox

AUBURN — Donna June Knox, 88, of Auburn and formerly of Butler died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, in Auburn.

Mrs. Knox worked at Marshall Clothing and was a homemaker. She was a graduate of International Business College.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn, a former member of Jerusalem United Methodist Church and a member of the Franklin Friends.

She was born July 4, 1919, in Franklin Township to John and Audra E. (Houlton) Platt. They preceded her in death.

Mrs. Knox

She married Florin H. Knox on March 19, 1941, at her parents' home. He died Sept. 24, 2006.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Patrula and Dennis Newhard of Auburn and Julie Bunch and Paul Headley of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Marni Boyd and her husband, and Bil, of Wake Forest, N.C., Tyler Bunch of Naples, Fla., and Travis Bunch of Merrillville; two stepgrandchildren, Todd Newhard of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Tami Ruble and her husband, Trent, of Fort Wayne; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Taylor and Aaron Ruble of Fort Wayne; and three sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Onalee and Raymond Moughler of Waterloo and Gailanna Knox and Barb Knox, both of Auburn.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler, with Pastor Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church, the American Cancer Society or DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be left and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to reflect a change in service time.*

Jim Butkiewicz

FREMONT — Jim C. Butkiewicz, 62, of Long Beach Lake, Fremont, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Butkiewicz

Mr. Butkiewicz was retired from Sears and Signal Deliveries in Merrillville.

He attended St. John of the Angels in East Chicago, and was a graduate of Calumet High School. He moved to Steuben County in 1995. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, boating, and being at the lake and outdoors.

He was born on July 20, 1945, in East Chicago, Ill., to Chester and Helen Butkiewicz. Both preceded him in death. He married Jenine Ryan on Dec. 7, 1974, in Lowell. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph Ross of Merrillville and Michael Ross of Lowell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Andrea Ross of Tell City and Kelly and Bob Zimmerman of Fairhope, Ala.; five grandchildren, Miles Stepp, Lucas Stepp, Austin Ross, Tricia Ross and Michael Zimmerman; and a brother, Gene Raymond Butkiewicz of Oklahoma City.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Mary Christine Butkiewicz and Lourene Marie Ross.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua in Angola, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to the St. Anthony's Catholic Church Building Fund.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 26, 2007, Friday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to add additional information.*

Carl Miller

FREMONT — Carl Glen Miller, 77, of Fremont died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was a former employee of Sears in Fort Wayne, working as a service technician for 29 years. He was a farmer in Knox Township, Jay County, from 1954-1963. Mr. Miller was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving from 1951-1954.

A former resident of Knox Township, Jay County, Fort Wayne and Snow Lake, he was a former member and Past Commander of the American Legion Post No. 31 in Angola. He also was a current member of the American Legion Post No. 423 in Orland, serving in the color guard and historian for the legion and a member of the 40 & 8. He served as a volunteer marine deputy with the Steuben County Sheriff's Department, serving on several lakes in the county. Mr. Miller attended the Fremont United Methodist Church in Fremont. He graduated from Pennville High School with the class of 1947.

Mr. Miller was born on Feb. 11, 1930, in Knox Township, Jay County, the son of Earl F. and Bessie (Dickson) Miller. He married Helen Louise Flauding on June 9, 1951. She survives in Fremont.

Other survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon L. and Steve Forbes of Indianapolis, Sandra A. and Mark Radvanyi of Amherstburg, Ontario, and Robin E. and Virgil Long of Accident, Md.; two brothers, Cleo F. Miller of Fort Wayne and Larry C. Hysell of Anderson; one sister, Rosa Lee Bentz of Hamilton; three granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Vaughn Miller, and one sister, Wanda L. Miller.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Pennville Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Pennville, with Pastor Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville with full graveside military services being conducted by the American Legion.

Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. in the Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, and from 12-2 p.m. Saturday in the Pennville Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Pennville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.williamson-spencer.com.

Frank Sechler

ST. JOE — Frank Sechler, 83, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at his home in St. Joe.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 27, 2007, Saturday

Frank Foster

KENDALLVILLE — Frank Floyd Foster, 97, of Kendallville died Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Mr. Foster was employed as a tool and die maker for No-Sag Spring in Kendallville for over 40 years, retiring in 1970.

He was a member of Eagles Lodge No. 985 in Kendallville and was the oldest Golden Eagle member.

He was born in Milford Township on Sept. 17, 1910, to Jesse Edward and Ora Ellen (Jimerson) Foster. He married Dorothy June Herendeen on June 7, 1941. She preceded him in death on May 14, 1998.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Denny and Carol Foster of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jerilyn and Gary Simpson of Helmer; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, George Foster; and a sister, Hazel Mankowski.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Frank Sechler, owner of Sechler Pickles, dies

ST. JOE — Frank Sechler, 83, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at his home in St. Joe.

Mr. Sechler

Mr. Sechler was the owner and operator of Sechler Pickles in St. Joe. He was a Merchant Marines veteran, serving during World War II, a former Boy Scout Leader, a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and a past president of the St. Joe Lions Club. He donated land for the Riverdale School and Riverside Cemetery and also involved with the St. Joe River Greenway project.

He was born Oct. 20, 1924, in St. Joe to Ralph and Anne (Martindale) Sechler. They preceded him in death.

He married Frances Reidenbach on Dec. 3, 1976, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are three sons and daughter-in-law, Craig Sechler of Fort Wayne, David Sechler of St. Joe and Michael and Sue McMillen of Minneapolis, Minn.; two daughters and two sons-in-law Karen and Randy Linn of St. Joe and Diana McMillen and Mike Burns of Des Moines, Iowa; his grandchildren, Lila and Jocelyn Sechler, Evan and Abigail Sechler, Colton Linn, Tom McMillen and his wife, Keira, Alec and Chelsea Burns, and a great-granddaughter, Alexa Fae McMillen.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tony Sechler, on Nov. 14, 1988, and a sister, Louise Church on July 15, 1990.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Spencerville Community Club, 5629 C.R. 68, with Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the Community Club.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church and the St. Joe River Greenway.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 28, 2007, Sunday

Paul Hougland

KENDALLVILLE — Paul Allen Hougland, 87, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. Hougland

Mr. Hougland was employed with Sears Corp. for 31 years from 1949-1980 and managed the Sears Store in Kendallville.

He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 and American Legion Post 86.

He was a past president (1974-75) and member of the Kendallville Rotary Club, a past president and member of the Scottsburg-Bloomington Lions Club, a member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge, Cole Center Family YMCA Board of Directors (1982-88) and also volunteered at the desk at the "Y."

Mr. Hougland was born in Scottsburg on Jan. 17, 1920, to Joseph Elson and Mabel (Boner) Hougland and graduated from Scottsburg High School in 1938.

He served his country from 1942-45 during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After the war, he married Ruth Pauline Robbins on Sept. 1, 1945, in Scottsburg. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deborah Hougland of Garrett; a grandson, Chris Harlan of Avilla; two granddaughters, Erin Keck of Fort Wayne and Diana Day of Franklin; a great-granddaughter, Courtney Day of Franklin; a sister, Geraldine Fortenbacher of Seattle, Wash.; and a sister-in-law, Ruth M. Hougland of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Hougland.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Pastor Scott Pattison will officiate. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Rebecca Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Rebecca Faye Miller, 65, of Middlebury died at 5:53 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, at St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and was employed at Syndicate Systems in Middlebury for 20 years.

She was a member of Trinity Missionary Church, and she collected antique dolls and antique tins.

She was born in Elkhart County on June 23, 1942, to Newberry and Faye (Zehner) Cooper. They preceded her in death.

Mrs. Miller

She married Joseph Miller on June 19, 1982, in Middlebury. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Dianna Mann of Constantine, Mich., and Carol Mann of Elkhart; a son and daughter-in-law, LeRoy and Paula Mann of Goshen; two grandchildren; six sisters and two brothers-in-law, Virginia Jensen of Middlebury, Fran Valaeminck, Betty Lundy and Mary Wilson, all of Elkhart, Jean and Pat Bachelor of South Bend and Nancy and Roger Peterson of Ligonier; and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Sally Cooper of Middlebury.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert, Donald and Terry Cooper.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with the Rev. Terry Neumayer officiating. Burial will be at Ivans Cemetery, MIddlebury.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday and from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Bonnie Johnson

PLEASANT LAKE — Bonnie L. Johnson, 74, formerly of Newfane, N.Y. and Eden, N.Y., died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at the home of her daughter in Pleasant Lake after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Born Bonnie Lou Kaufman in Angola on March 17, 1933, to Clarence and Lois (Webb) Kaufman, she graduated as salutatorian from Pleasant Lake High School. She married G. LeRoy Johnson on Feb. 10, 1952, in Pleasant Lake and moved to western New York.

Her talents were many and widely varied. In the past she was active in the First Baptist Church in Newfane, taught swimming and lectured for Weight Watchers. She loved camping, drawing, reading, sewing and crafts. Later she attended Empire State College, worked for Niagara County, N.Y., as a real property tax clerk, and was elected assessor for the town of Eden, N.Y. She also was an active member of the Buffalo Friends Meeting.

Ms. Johnson

She was a long-time member of the Girl Scouts of Niagara County, holding positions as troop leader, trainer, camp committee member and member of the Silver Trefoil. She received the Thanks Badge, Girl Scouting's highest honor.

A prolific writer, her poetry and readings were well known in the Buffalo area, where she had long been an integral part of several writers groups, including Niagara-Erie Writers and the Lake Land Arts Association. She was also a member of Earth's Daughters, a collective of Buffalo women writers who have published a regular magazine for more than 25 years. She edited, kept financial records and wrote poetry for the magazine.

Ms. Johnson published her first book, "The Jungle Book," in 1983 and was the winner of the National Feminist Writers Guild Women of Promise Award. Her poetry has appeared in Earth's Daughters, Black Mountain II Review, Arachne, Common Ground, 13th Moon and many other small press publications. Her second book, "Alice," published in 2003, embodies the heart and soul of her life and work.

She enjoyed retirement, traveling to Europe, knitting, reading, writing, women's studies and activism and family celebrations.

When once asked to describe herself, Bonnie replied: "Who am I? Am I my hobbies? Then I am knitting, crochet, embroidery, soft sculpture, miniatures. Am I my profession? Then I am Niagara County Real Property Information Specialist. Am I my family? Then I am mother of four daughters, repository of memories and experience, interpreter. Am I my avocation? Then I am writer, poet, encounterer. Am I my religion? Then I am Quaker, seeker after truth."

Surviving are a dear friend and companion, Anne Montes; four daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Bill Smist of Lockport, N.Y., Sandra and John Kabes of Pleasant Lake, Susan and Roger Bertch of Vicksburg, Mich., and Christine and Christopher McQuilkin of Hollis, N.H.; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Delonna Kaufman of Jackson, Mich.; a sister, Barbara Penick of Pleasant Lake; her ex-husband G. LeRoy Johnson of Hudson; her grandchildren, Lindsay and Nathan Bertch, Andrew and Brian Smist, Adam and Rosie McQuilkin and Stephen Mayer; and a great-grandchild, Zachary Mayer.

Services will be Thursday at St. John's United Church of Christ, at S.R. 4 and C.R. 23, Ashley. Calling will be from 1-3 p.m., with a celebration of life service at 3 p.m. and a graveside service at South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Memorials may be made to CNS Tissue Bank for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Conditions, Indiana University School of Medicine, c/o Patti Case, Clinical Research Coordinator, Fort Wayne Neurological Center, 2622 Lake Avenue, Ft. Wayne, IN 46805; Parkview Hospice, P.O. Box 728, Kendallville, IN 46755; or Girl Scouts of Niagara County, 5000 Cambria Road, Lockport, NY 14094.

A memorial celebration of life will take place at a later date at the Van Horn Mansion in New York.

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Betty Smart

AUBURN — Betty Louise Smart, 62, of Auburn, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smart was employed with P.I.C. in Albion for more than 20 years and was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. She loved to play cards and had a great sense of humor.

Mrs. Smart

She was born in Auburn on Nov. 8, 1944, to Orville Wright and Hazel Louise (Garrison) Treesh.

She married Vernon Harvey Smart on June 15, 1963, in Kendallville. He preceded her death on Sept. 5, 1996.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Jess Bonecutter of Auburn; her nephews and their spouses, Guy and Laura Shatto of Waterloo, John Shatto of Waterloo, James and Dawn Shatto of Auburn, Chad Shatto of Chandler, Ariz., Randy and Sheila Gibson of Kendallville, Mark and Linda Gibson of Shipshewana, Don and Sherry Weimer of Fort Wayne, Jared and Jennifer Smart of Hudson and Thaddeus and Cindy Smart of Cromwell; and her nieces and their spouses, Cindy and Darel Fike of Pretty Lake, Tracy and Dean Croucher of North Webster and Dawn McDonald of Pretty Lake.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Elder Don Weimer Jr. will officiate. Burial will be at Sedan Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Maxine Shrock

MIDDLEBURY — Maxine L. Shrock, 89, of Middlebury died at 2:40 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at Courtyard of Goshen, Goshen, where she had resided since April 16, 2007.

She was employed as a sales clerk for Honey Crest Bakery and at Gohn Brothers in Middlebury for 30 years

Mrs. Shrock was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebury, and the Middlebury Home Economics Club.

She was born in Middlebury on July 25, 1918, to Charles and Edith (Schrock) Gohn. They preceded her in death.

She married Leslie Shrock Jr. on Aug. 11, 1940. He died April 4, 1975.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Kathleen Alleshouse, and a brother, Charles Gohn.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Barbara Shrock of De Soto, Texas, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury with Pastor Donn Abdon officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at MIller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., MIddlebury.

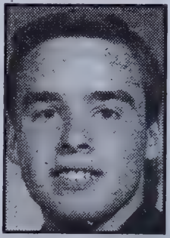
Memorials are to Care At Home of Goshen General Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to the family at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Christopher Minton

FORT WAYNE — Christopher A. Minton, 32, a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne, died early Friday morning, Oct. 26, 2007, at his residence following an extended illness. He was surrounded by his loving parents, and his most faithful friend, his collie, Sallie.

He was a 1994 graduate of Northrop High School in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Minton

He enjoyed soccer, putt-putt golf and bowling.

He was a member of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church on Wallen Road.

He was employed at Belmont Department Store and Red Lobster, Country Kitchen and Hall's Hollywood restaurants.

He was born in South Bend on Dec. 5, 1974, to Ronald "Ike" and Sharon M. (Pranger) Minton. They survive.

Also surviving are aunts, uncles and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harold and Grace Pranger and Robert and Ruby Minton, and aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, with Father John Kuzmich officiating. Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery, east of Huntertown.

Calling will be Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church and Tuesday from 2-7 p.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, where a vigil service will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Allen County Hospice and Cancer Services.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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EN grad dies in fall

Woehnker was freshman at Wabash College

BY MATT GETTS
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CRAWFORDSVILLE — He was the kind of teammate, his high school swimming coach said, that made everyone laugh. And today, his teammates are mourning his loss.

Patrick Michael Woehnker Jr., 19, a 2007 graduate of East Noble High School and a Wabash College freshman, died Sunday morning after falling from the rooftop of Goodrich Hall, an academic building that was closed at the time.

According to a press release from the Crawfordsville Police Department, Wabash campus security requested an ambulance at 3:10 a.m. after finding a man on the sidewalk near Goodrich Hall. Upon arrival, police and EMS

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FALL: *Athlete worked hard to become great swimmer*

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units found Woehnker was deceased.

The release said Woehnker and four other students were on the roof of Goodrich Hall. Woehnker became separated from the others. The other four students returned to the building and found campus security had located him.

An autopsy was scheduled to be performed in Terre Haute to determine the cause of death.

"He was a great kid, always outgoing and having fun," East Noble swimming and diving coach Cassie Scheerer said. "The kind of kid who made the whole team laugh. He would hang out with people, just to be around them."

Woehnker was a lifeguard at the Cole Center Family YMCA. He was also active with the East Noble High School mentoring program, helping freshmen adjust to high school.

"He was one of those very likable students everyone knew," East Noble principal Ann Linson said this morning. "He was a very good mentor last year to our freshmen.

"He was compassionate … He cared about the kids."

Unlike many star swimmers, Woehnker did not come to the East Noble program with a pedigree of club swimming. When he joined the East Noble team, he had never been in organized swimming. Scheerer described him as an "average" swimmer as a freshman.

"He worked really hard to get where he was," Scheerer said. "By his junior and senior year he was a really great swimmer."

According to Scheerer, he pushed himself his last year as a prep swimmer so he could swim at Wabash.

"He worked really hard his senior year to get his times down," Scheerer said. "He was really motivated to swim there."

"Three months ago, we welcomed Patrick and his classmates in the Class of 2011 to our band of brothers here at Wabash," said Wabash College president Patrick White in a news release. "We've lost a brother and it's a very sad time for our entire community, but especially his classmates, fraternity brothers, and teammates."

Woehnker was an honors graduate of East Noble High School. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the Wabash College swimming and diving team.

"Our immediate concern is for Patrick's family, his fraternity brothers, and his teammates on the Wabash swimming and diving team," said college spokesman Jim Amidon in a press release. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this terribly difficult time."

His parents are Patrick Woehnker and Wendy Wood, both of Kendallville.

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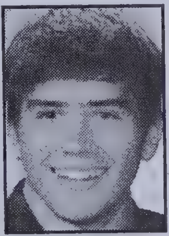
Patrick Woehnker Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Patrick Michael Woehnker Jr., 19, of Kendallville died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at Wabash College in Crawfordsville.

He was a 2007 East Noble High School graduate and a freshman at Wabash College majoring in history. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the Wabash College swimming and diving team.


Mr. Woehnker Jr.

He was a member of the East Noble High School swim team during high school and enjoyed playing computer games.

He had worked at Cole Center Family YMCA for three years and also was a lifeguard during the summer with the Kendallville Park and Recreation Department.

He was born in Kendallville on Oct. 7, 1988, to Patrick Michael Woehnker Sr. and Wendy Susan Wood.

Surviving are his father, Patrick Woehnker of Kendallville; his mother, Wendy Wood of Kendallville; a sister, Sidney Weade of Kimmell; two brothers, Jared Woehnker of Kendallville and Cole Hart of Kendallville; his maternal grandparents, Sidney and Elizabeth Wood of Bellefontaine, Ohio; his paternal grandparents, Charles and Geraldine Woehnker of Kendallville; several aunts and uncles and their spouses, Mary and Tom Gillespie of Bellefontaine, Sally and Randy Schoeck of Bellefontaine, Diane and Ramiro Gonzales of Houston, Texas, Barbara and Tim Todd of Nashville, Tenn., Judy and Tom Grubb of Cooper City, Fla.; Charles and Darlene Woehnker of Austin, Texas; and Tom and Julie Woehnker of Kendallville; and his longtime girlfriend, C.J. Freeman of Ege.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Parks and Recreation Department.

View a video tribute (after Wednesday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Toba Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Toba S. Miller, 86, of Shipshewana died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and painter.

He was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 16, 1921, in Goshen to Sam T. and Lydia Mae (Troyer) Miller. He married Mary Miller on Oct. 23, 1947. She died Dec. 21, 1990. He then married Emma W. (Miller) Lambright on Jan. 19, 1992, in LaGrange. She survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are six daughters and sons-in-law, Edna Mae and Levi Bontrager of Pearisburg, Va., and Laurie M. and Ervin E. Bontrager, Ruby M. and Clarence Yoder, Irene T. and Ernest R. Miller, Marietta T. and Melvin A. Mishler and Emma Jean and Melvin E. Miller, all of Hillsboro, Wis.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Elva Dean and Raedene Miller of Middlebury and Orla T. Miller of Elkhart; 63 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; six sisters, Sarah Mae Helmuth of Nappanee, Ella Chupp of Middlebury, Lillie Bontrager of LaGrange, Amanda Stutzman of Sarasota, Fla., Arlene Mast of Topeka and Lydia Mae Swartz of Nottawa, Mich.; and two brothers, Seth Miller of Goshen and Samuel Miller of Elkhart.

Also preceding him in death were three sisters and a brother.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Ivan Hochstetler residence, 1840 N. C.R. 675W, Shipshewana, with Bishops Lewis Hochstetler and Harry Wayne Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today and all day on Tuesday at the Ivan Hochstetler residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Mary McCutchan

ANGOLA — Mary Duke McCutchan, 87, of Angola, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. McCutchan was a school teacher with the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, retiring in 1985 after 25 years of service. She also taught in New Jersey and Maryland, as well as Scott Center.

She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, Steuben County Retired Teachers, and as a part of the retired teachers, Delta Kappa Gamma, where she had served as a past president.

She was born on June 26, 1920, in Rahway, N.J., to Bernard and May (Roll) Wilson, who both preceded her in death. She married David McCutchan in Angola on July 15, 1989. He survives.

She is also survived by three sons, Denis McCormack of Lake Tippecanoe, Ken McCormack of Madison, Wis., and Larry McCutchan of Goshen; two daughters, Kathy Hoffman of Sterling Va.; and Janet Archer of Indianapolis; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jeff McCormack.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Angola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Laurance Smith officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church or the donor's choice.

Mildred Roose

LAGRANGE — Mildred L. Roose, 85, of LaGrange died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Roose had moved to the area from Goshen in 1952.

She was a homemaker and had been an operator for General Telephone Co. in Goshen.

Mrs. Roose was born on March 26, 1922, in Goshen to Glen and Ethel (Sullender) Biller. They preceded her in death.

She married Carl A. Roose on Dec. 25, 1942, in Goshen. He preceded her in death on March 22, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John A. and Sande Roose of LaGrange and David W. and Susan Roose of Rock Hill, S.C.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Jones, and two brothers, Glen Biller and Walter Stahl.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Howe.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

James Codling

LAGRANGE — James W. "Cork" Codling, 54, of LaGrange died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at his home in LaGrange.

He was born Aug. 31, 1953, in Portland.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Officials: EN grad slipped, fell

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — A Wabash College freshman who fell to his death from a campus building may have slipped on the copper roof while trying to reach the peak, administrators believe.

An autopsy Monday showed that 19-year-old Patrick Michael Woehnker Jr. of Kendallville died of blunt force trauma caused by the fall, said Montgomery County Coroner Darren Forman.

Woehnker fell Sunday from the top of Goodrich Hall, an academic building that was closed at the time. He was with four other students on the roof when he got separated from them, authorities said.

Woehnker

"Right now, we're most looking at it likely as an accident, said Crawfordsville Assistant Police Chief Hal Utterback. "We're waiting on toxicology results to see if there was anything further."

Preliminary tests showed that Woehnker had a blood-alcohol content of 0.04 percent, he said. Final toxicology results will likely take four to six weeks.

Administrators believe the men used underground tunnels to get inside the building. Once they reached the rooftop observation deck, officials suspect Woehnker climbed over safety railings to get to the east side of the roof, where he slipped.

"They're extremely dangerous places to be. ... The building itself was secure," said Wabash College spokesman Jim Amidon.

Woehnker's body was discovered by campus security personnel shortly after 3 a.m.

Woehnker was a member of the swim team and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Counselors met with members of both groups Sunday, Amidon said. A swim meet Monday was canceled.

"To be honest, the students are not handing this situation well," Amidon said. "It's hard for all of us."

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Phyllis Payton

AUBURN — Phyllis L. Payton, 73, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at Wesley HealthCare in Auburn.

Mrs. Payton was a homemaker. She was a member of the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild of Auburn and the Chatter Bells Home Extension Club of Auburn.

She was born Jan. 24, 1934, in Corunna to Garl B. and Hazel T. (Childs) Hissong. They preceded her in death.

She married Claude "Dink" Payton in Corunna on Feb. 21, 1953, and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Keith A. and Ruby Payton of Fort Wayne, William G. and Kelly Payton of Brigham City, Utah, Paul B. and Karla Payton of Purdy, Mo., and Patrick S. and JoDe Payton of Auburn; three grandchildren, Kelley Payton, Vaughn Payton and Bailey Payton; four stepgrandchildren, Helen, Jenny, Margaret and Victoria; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Lois Hissong of Corunna and Steven and Marty Hissong of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Betty Hissong of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Hissong.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Gary Dilley officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Violet Scribner

CHURUBUSCO — Violet "Vi" Scribner, 90, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Scribner is a former Churubusco resident.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Hazel Hartzler

TOPEKA — Hazel "Mae" Hartzler, 100, of Topeka died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Services are pending at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

G. Leo Saffen

PLEASANT LAKE — G. Leo Saffen, 77, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He worked for more than 30 years at Cooper Tire in Auburn, retiring in 1985. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was born in Wisconsin on Jan. 24, 1930, to Earle and Opal Saffen, who both preceded them in death. He married Mary Jean Shire on May 20, 1950. She survives.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Sandra Saffen of Fort Wayne, and Mike and Karen Saffen of Warsaw; two stepgrandchildren; three step-great-granddaughters; and two stepgreat-grandsons.

There will be no services or calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

Martha Horn

FORT WAYNE — Martha L. Horn, 84, died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Horn

Mrs. Horn was a homemaker and had worked outside the home for many years.

Mrs. Horn was a native of Garrett.

She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Surviving are a daughter, Christina Crowell of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Stacey Buchs and Douglas McKinley, both of Fort Wayne; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Margaret Persons of North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard J. Horn; three brothers; and three sisters.

Service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Philip Schamehorn officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

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Clardon Smith

NEW HAVEN — Clardon C. Smith, 85, of New Haven died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Smith retired from Magnavox Corp. as a technical writer after 25 years of service.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Smith was a member of Statewood Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

Born in Kendallville, he was the son of Quincy and Mary Smith. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Smith of Columbus, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Laura, in 1997; and a daughter, Janet Smith, in 2005.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Statewood Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

Esther Miller

AUBURN — Esther Ilene Miller, 85, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 8, 1922, in Auburn to Elmer and Hilda (Metcalf) Deetz. They preceded her in death.

She married Leonard Miller on Aug. 24, 1944, in Auburn. He died Dec. 22, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Eileen LaRue and Valerie Gramling, both of Auburn; a brother, Walter Deetz of Sebring, Fla.; four grandchildren, Joel Gramling of Pleasant Lake, Tim LaRue of Auburn, Jeanine Kleber of Auburn and Chad Gramling of Auburn; and two great-grandchildren, Daphne Gramling and William Kleber.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, George Deetz and Hugh Deetz, and two sisters, Phyllis Huckleberry and Ruth Ann Knott.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to St. Martin's charities of Garrett or to Masses at the church.

Daniel Troyer

LAGRANGE — Daniel S. Troyer was stillborn at 10:40 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange to Steven D. and Ruth Anna (Yoder) Troyer of LaGrange.

Also surviving are grandparents, LeAnna Troyer of LaGrange and Alvin and Katie Mae Yoder of LaGrange; and great-grandparents, Joe and LeAnna Troyer of Hillsboro, Wis.; Omer and Barbara Lambright of Topeka and Mable Miller of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Daniel J. Troyer, on Aug. 10.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Alton Bontrager residence with Bishop Eli Miller officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery at LaGrange with Floyd Miller and Perry Troyer serving as pallbearers.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Kent Murphy

FAIRBORN, Ohio — U.S Air Force Lt. Col. (Ret.) Kent J. Murphy, 65, of Fairborn, Ohio, died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at his residence.

He served his country in the U.S. Air Force, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel, and then was employed as a program manager with Department of Defense contractors at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

He attended the First Presbyterian Church of Fairborn. He was a 25-year member of the Fairborn Lions Club and a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. He was very active with the Fairborn Parks Department FROGS program and recently was awarded the second annual Michael Horton Volunteer of the Year Award.

He was born Aug. 27, 1942, in Peru, Ind., to Pat and Betty (Moore) Murphy. They preceded him in death. He also was preceded in death by his stepfather, the Rev. Joe James.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Carol; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carrie and Wesley Matsel of Auburn and Cassandra and Matthew Locke of Dayton, Ohio; a son, Kevin Murphy of Findlay, Ohio; four grandchildren, Emily Jackson, Alex Matsel, Callie Matsel and Danielle Matsel; a sister, Sharon Seymour of Tallahassee, Fla.; numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family members; and many friends.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Belton-Stroup Funeral Home, 422 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Road, Fairborn. The Rev. Thomas L. Harmon will officiate.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at Belton-Stroup Funeral Home.

Additional calling will be Friday from 10-11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will full military honors will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Fairborn Lions Club, P.O. Box 87, Fairborn, OH 45324, or FROGS, c/o Fairborn Parks Foundation, P.O. Box 3255, Fairborn, OH 45324.

Phyllis Eairleywine

ANGOLA — Phyllis M. Eairleywine, 84, of Angola died Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. Eairleywine had worked at Taylor Products, retiring in 1968.

She enjoyed fishing, traveling and garage sales.

She was born May 21, 1923, in Elkhart. She married Robert Eairleywine on Feb. 6, 1943, in Hopkinsville, Ky. He survives.

Also surviving are a brother, and sister in-law, Carl and Mary Jones of Elkhart.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at Rice Cemetery in Elkhart.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Billings Funeral Home, Elkhart.

Memorials are to the Elkhart County Humane Society Shelter or the Elkhart Salvation Army.

Anna Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Anna H. Miller, 60, of Middlebury died at 8 a.m. Monday at the home of her sister Mary Lehman in Middlebury.

Miss Miller was a homemaker and assisted on the family farm.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Jan. 29, 1947, in Elkhart to Henry and Molly (Bontreger) Miller. They are deceased.

Surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Ida and Harley Lambright of Topeka, Mary and Andrew Lehman of Middlebury and Susie and Freeman Yoder of Howe; and four brothers and sisters-in-law, Leonard and Ruby Miller, Melvin and Susie Miller and Samuel and Mary Ellen Miller, all of Middlebury, and Elmer and Marilyn Miller of Goshen.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Clarence Wingard residence, 10104 C.R. 16, Middlebury, with Bishop Sam Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery at Shipshewana with Sam Wingard, Norman Miller, Reuben Bontrager and Paul Bontrager serving as pallbearers.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at her home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Violet Scribner

CHURUBUSCO — Violet "Vi" Scribner, 90, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco died Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Scribner

Mrs. Scribner had lived at Canterbury Health Care since January 2004.

She had retired in 1980 after 20 years as a special reading teacher for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School Corp.

Mrs. Scribner had a Bachelor of Science degree from Manchester College and a master's degree from Ball State University.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City.

She was born May 20, 1917, in Egeland, N.D., to Berdon and Inga (Pederson) Grande. She married Cecil W. Scribner on June 5; 1938, in Devil's Lake, N.D. He died Aug. 29, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and John Souder of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Marie Grande of Oxnard, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne and Gordon Grande, and two sisters, Pauline Coe and Ethel Erickson.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with the Rev. Alfred LePage officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Manchester College Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchildsfuneralhome.net.

Catherine Cramer

CHURUBUSCO — Catherine L. Cramer, 91, of Churubusco died at 5:43 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness. She had been a patient at the nursing home for the past four years.

Mrs. Cramer spent her early years near LaGrange and later moved with her family to Avilla. She lived in the Churubusco area since 1948.

She was a graduate of Avilla High School and she had attended Indiana Business College in Fort Wayne.

She had been employed for 30 years at the former Kaplin Furniture in Fort Wayne and had retired as a cook at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco.

Mrs. Cramer enjoyed cooking, watching old movies, and was a great fan of the music of country star Ray Price.

Mrs. Cramer was born in Fort Wayne on June 16, 1916, to Patrick and Elizabeth (Nolan) Lynch. She married Wilbur L. Cramer on July 2, 1939, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Feb. 29, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Monica and Thomas Lang of LaOtto and Lisa Miller of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Marilyn Cramer of Huntertown and Dennis Cramer of Churubusco; a sister, Patti Haffner of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Patrick T. Cramer, on Jan. 15, 1970; a grandson, Brian E. Lang, on Sept. 23, 1995; a granddaughter, Christina R. Hicks, on Nov. 7, 1998; two sisters, Mary Stanger and Victoria Wise; and a brother Lloyd Lynch.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with a rosary at 8:15 p.m. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Public Library, 116 N. Mulberry St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

James Codling

LAGRANGE — James W. "Cork" Codling, 54, of LaGrange died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Codling was the owner of Sarge's Mongo Tavern in Mongo.

He was well liked by everyone and enjoyed his family, friends and riding his Harley.

He was born on Aug. 31, 1953, in Portland to James and Reva (Williams) Codling. Both survive in Stroh.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Darla Codling of Atlanta, and Jason and Anitra Codling of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Codling and Edward Clark of Wolcottville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Skip Codling of Garrett, and Robert and Connie Codling of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and a loving companion and friend, Nancy Lewis of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Tina Louis Codling.

A memorial service will be held at Sarge's Mongo Tavern at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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Hazel Hartzler

LIGONIER — Hazel "Mae" Hartzler, 100, of Ligonier died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Hartzler

Mrs. Hartzler taught school for more than 23 years including at the Walnut One-Room School, Honeyville Elementary School, Perry Centralized School, Wawaka School and at Ligonier.

She was a 1925 graduate of Topeka High School and earned a teaching degree from Manchester College.

Mrs. Hartzler had volunteered at the Window of Goshen and at Topeka Mennonite Church where she served as the church board secretary.

She had been president of the TWM and was a member of the Retired Teachers Association.

She was born June 22, 1907, in Noble County to Melvin and Blanche (Hall) Steele. She married Roy Hartzler on May 16, 1930. He died in 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Linda Hartzler of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Royann and Orland Sprunger of Topeka; one daughter-in-law and her husband, Laverne and Everett Moon of Twelve Mile, Ind.; a sister, Evelyn Campbell of LaGrange; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Quentin Hartzler; two brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Topeka Mennonite Church with Pastor Robert Martz officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Window in Goshen, 233 N. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526 or Topeka Mennonite Church.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Tilly Stevens

KENDALLVILLE — Tilly Stevens, 84, of Kendallville died at 8:05 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at her home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Lydia Hipskind

AUBURN — Lydia Hipskind, 93, of Auburn died Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Hipskind

Born in Auburn, she served as a church secretary for the First United Methodist Church of Auburn for 18 years, retiring in 1973.

She graduated from McIntosh High School of Auburn in 1933 and was a member of the First United Methodist Church and its WSCS and Nellie Weaver Circle.

She married Arthur M. Hipskind on July 18, 1940, in North Webster. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are five nephews, Rex Renz of Paris, Tenn., Shelton Renz of Alabama, George Ells of Columbus, Ohio, John Ells of Garrett and Hal Ells of Auburn, and two nieces, Wealthea Martin of Georgia and Nancy Ells of Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer G. and Goldie B. (Warfield) Renz; two brothers, L. Jay Renz and Rex Renz; and two sisters, Geneva Semenoff and Ruth Ells, in addition to her husband.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or the DeKalb Heart Association.

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Paul Allen Hougland, 87

KENDALLVILLE – Paul Allen Hougland, age 87, of Kendallville, passed away on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. Hougland was born in Scottsburg, Indiana on January 17, 1920 to Joseph Elson and Mabel (Boner) Hougland and graduated from Scottsburg High School in 1938.

He served his country from 1942-45 during WWII in the United States Army Air Corps and after the war was married to Ruth Pauline Robbins on September 1, 1945 in Scottsburg

Paul was employed for 31 years with the Sears Corporation from 1949-1980 and managed the Sears Store in Kendallville.

Paul was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, V.F.W. Post #2749, and the American Legion Post #86.

He was past president (Œ74-Œ75) and member of the Kendallville Rotary Club, past president and member of the Scottsburg-Bloomington Lions Club, member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge,

Cole Center Family YMCA Board of Directors (Œ82-Œ88) and also volunteered at the desk at the "Y".

Survivors include: his wife, Ruth Hougland of Kendallville; a daughter, Deborah Hougland of Garrett; a grandson, Chris Harlan of Avilla; two granddaughters, Erin Keck of Fort Wayne, and Diana Day of Franklin; a great granddaughter, Courtney Day of Franklin; a sister, Geraldine Fortenbacher of Seattle, Washington; and a sister-in-law, Ruth M. Hougland of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by parents and brother, John Hougland.

Funeral services were at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Scott Pattison.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Patrick Michael Woehnker, Jr., 19

Patrick Michael Woehnker, Jr., age 19, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, October 28, 2007 at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Patrick was born in Kendallville on October 7, 1988 to Patrick Michael Woehnker, Sr. and Wendy Susan Wood.

He was a 2007 East Noble High School graduate and currently a freshman at Wabash College in Crawfordsville majoring in history.

He was a member of the East Noble Swim Team in high school and enjoyed playing computer games, listening to music, and playing his guitar.

Patrick worked at the Cole Center Family YMCA for three years and also was a lifeguard during the summer with the Kendallville Parks Department.

Survivors include: his father, Patrick Woehnker of Kendallville; his mother, Wendy Wood of Kendallville, a sister, Sidney Weade of Kimmell; two brothers, Jared Woehnker of Kendallville, and Cole Hart of Kendallville; maternal grandparents, Sidney and Elizabeth Wood of Bellefontain, Ohio; paternal grandparents, Charles and Geraldine Woehnker of Kendallville; aunts and uncles and their spouses: Mary and Tom Gillespie of Bellefontain; Sally and Randy Schoeck of Bellefontain; Diane and Ramiro Gonzales of Houston, Texas; Barbara and Tim Todd of Nashville, Tennessee; Judy and Tom Grubb of Cooper City, Florida; Charles and Darlene Woehnker of Austin, Texas; and Tom and Julie Woehnker of Kendallville; also his long-time girlfriend, C.J. Freeman of Ege, Indiana.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 31, 2007, from 4:00-9:00pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Fr. Daniel Durkin.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Kendallville Parks and Recreation Department

View a video tribute (after Wednesday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Raymond Eugene Gulick, Sr., 74

KENDALLVILLE – Raymond Eugene Gulick, Sr., age 74, of Kendallville, passed away on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at his longtime companion, Carolyn Miller's residence in Kendallville.

Mr. Gulick was born in Kendallville on February 13, 1933 to John Paul Gulick and Lucille Wagner and raised by his adoptive mother, Mary Holsinger Gulick.

He was a United States Army veteran and employed his entire 41 year career with Flint & Walling.

Ray was a very talented artist and draftsmen. Many years ago, he played the guitar in a band and still today loved to listen to guitar music. He loved to play with his children and grandchildren, and was interested in science, airplanes and model rockets. Ray was also a woodworker and he enjoyed making clocks. He enjoyed leather crafts and loved to practice shooting his pistol.

Appreciating nature was a favorite pastime of Ray's and he loved to sit outside and feel the warmth of the sun. He also loved animals, especially the family dog, Bubbles.

Ray was proud of his service to his country and he was a member of the American Legion Post #86.

Survivors include: two sons, Ray and Connie Gulick, Jr. of Kendallville, and Robert and Donna Gulick of Avilla; longtime companion and special friend, Carolyn Miller of Kendallville; four grandchildren: Jason Gulick of Kendallville, Chasity and Chad Bruce of Kendallville, Chad and Erica Gulick of Kendallville, Michael Gulick of Kendallville; four great grandchildren: Alyssa and Austin Gulick and Drake and Kayla Bruce, three step sons, Danny and Patty Miller of Glendale, Arizona, Greg and Deb Miller of Kendallville; Terry J. Miller of Wawaka; a step daughter, Roxanne and Steve May of Vonore, Tennessee; mother of Raymond and Robert, Barbara Jacobs of Albion; step grandchildren: Dustin Abts, Tyler Miller, Nicholas Miller, Kelcie and Holly Miller, April May, and Jewel May; two half sisters, Helen (Wagner) and Robert Eccles of Marion, and Sadie (Wagner) Humphries of LaFontaine.

He was preceded in death by his parents; adoptive mother, Mary (Holsinger) Gulick; half brothers, Ivan and Everett Gulick and George Wagner; and half sister, Loretta Welch.

Funeral Services were at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Fr. Matt Jozefiak. Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

View a video tribute (after Friday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Catherine L. Cramer, 91,

Catherine L. Cramer, 91, a resident of Churubusco and widow of Wilbur L. Cramer, died at 5:43 a.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness. She had been a patient at the nursing home for the past four years.

Mrs. Cramer was born in Fort Wayne on June 16, 1916, a daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Nolan) Lynch. She spent her early years near LaGrange, and later moved her family to Avilla, where she graduated from Avilla High School. She also later attended Indiana Business College in Fort Wayne.

On July 2, 1939 she married in Fort Wayne to Wilbur L. Cramer, and moved to the Churubuasco area in 1948.

She had been previously employed for 30 years at the tormer Kaplin Furniture in Fort Wayne, and retired as a cook at Provena Sacred Heart Home. She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, and in her leisure time enjoyed cooking, watching old movies, and was a great fan of Ray Price's country music.

Mr. Cramer preceded her in death on February 29, 1988.

The surviving relatives include two daughters, Monica (Thomas) Lang of LaOtto, and Lisa Miller of Fort Wayne; two sons, Michael (Marilyn) Cramer of Huntertown and Dennis Cramer of Churubusco; a sister, Patti Haffner of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son Patrick T. Cramer of January 15, 1970; a grandson Brian E. Lang on September 23, 1995; a granddaughter Christine R. Hicks on November 7, 1998; two sisters Mary Stanger and Victoria Wise; and by a brother Lloyd Lynch.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Friday, November 2, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto, the celebrant.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home on Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. or one hour prior to the funeral mass. The Rosary will be recited at 8:15 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary.

Interment will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Churubusco Public Library, 116 N. Mulberry Street, Churubusco, IN 46723.

You are invited to leave a condolence for the family by logging on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Tilly Stevens

KENDALLVILLE — Tilly Stevens, 84, of Kendallville died at 8:05 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at her home. She had been ailing for two years.

Mrs. Stevens

Mrs. Stevens had lived most of her life in this area, coming from Kentucky.

She had worked as a nurses' aide.

Mrs. Stevens was a member of The Gospel Lighthouse church in Kendallville.

She was born Aug. 14, 1923, in Hueysville, Ky., to Benjamen and Burlie (Coburn) Shepherd. She married Henry Russell Stevens in Auburn on June 12, 1942. He preceded her in death on July 12, 1974.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Walt Leighton of Kendallville, Betty and Wayne Gose of LaGrange, Terri "Toby" Lockhart and Robert Keairnes of Kendallville, and Deborah and Robert Bloomfield of Wolcottville; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Gary Stevens of Kendallville, Larry and Joy Stevens of Sturgis, Mich., Rick and Cindy Stevens of Kendallville, and Jim Stevens of Kendallville; 19 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Norma Lovely of Kendallville and Faye Shepherd of Hueysville, Ky.; and a brother, Alex Shepherd of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, a great-granddaughter, a sister and three brothers.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., with Pastor Zaundra Hicks of the Gospel Lighthouse officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Jason Combs, Tim Messer, Lester Martin, Greg Stevens, Nathan Combs, Ryan Strawser, Chris Messer and Micky Stevens.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Robert Kearney

TOPEKA — Robert J. Kearney, 79, of Topeka died at 6:40 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mr. Kearney was a truck driver and had been employed by Supreme Industries in Goshen.

He was a veteran of World War II and served during the occupation of Russia, and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army once in 1949 and again in 1958.

Mr. Kearney

Mr. Kearney was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bristol and a member of the CB Club.

He had moved to the area in 1974.

Mr. Kearney was born on Sept. 29, 1928, in New Salem, Pa., to Thomas and Mary Catherine (Barnett) Kearney. His wife, Mildred (Gibbs) Kearney, preceded him in death on Aug. 20, 1991.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Thomas Kearney of Georgia, Patrick and Carla Kearney of LaGrange, Robert Kearney of Mishawaka and Michael and Kim Kearney of Nappanee; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary Meadows of Goshen, Janice and Ron Johnson of Topeka and Sue and Gerard Muegrel of Churubusco; two stepchildren, Linda Flannery of Elkhart and Anita Beachy of Topeka; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepson, Tony Flannery; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 300 Ravine Park Drive in Ligonier. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Avalon Village Nursing Home.

Robert Eash

KENDALLVILLE — Robert R. Eash, 74, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Newell Franks

STURGIS, Mich. — Sturgis industrial leader and benefactor Newell A. Franks, 98, died Tuesday Oct. 30, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Franks

He had resided in Sturgis since 1935, coming from Brimfield. He graduated from Rome City High School in Rome City with the class of 1927.

Mr. Franks moved to Sturgis in 1935 to work for Michigan Gas Co. where he set many sales records for the company until the onset of World War II when the bottom dropped out of the appliance business. He then went to work for Laughlin Tool and Die in 1942, which was later sold to Sutton Tool. In 1944, Mr. Franks and two other men started Burr Oak Tool in Burr Oak, Mich., and moved the company to Sturgis in 1946. He worked actively in the business until he was 95 and remained on the board to the present day.

He had been active in many service and civic organizations and in 1982 was named Sturgis Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Franks was a member of First United Methodist Church in Sturgis.

He enjoyed playing golf, hunting and fishing at Klinger Lake.

He was born June 8, 1909, at the family home in Brimfield to Peter Willis and Agnes Ida (Tubolski) Franks. He married Grace A. Disler on Dec. 15, 1928, in Wawaka. She died Oct. 9, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard N. Franks of Sun City, Ariz., Lawrence and Susan Franks of Sturgis and Joyce Franks of Sturgis; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Kenneth Eugene Disler of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law and her husband, Edna Belle and Dale Augenstine of Fort Wayne; a special niece and her husband, Virginia and Lewis Rawles of Wolcottville; and a special nephew and his wife, Jack and Terryl Franks of Auburn.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Tom Franks; two grandchildren, Emily Lorie Franks and Richard N. "Ric" Franks; a great-grandson, Christopher Franks; two daughters-in-law, Patricia Franks and Jean Franks; and a brother, William Franks.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Sturgis with the Revs. Keith Treman and Robert Keim officiating. Burial will be at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Sturgis.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis.

Memorial are to First United Methodist Church, 200 Pleasant Ave., Sturgis, MI 49091; Newell A. and Grace A. Franks Fund, Sturges Young Auditorium Fund, Sturgis Hospital Endowment Fund or the Kiwanis Club of Sturgis all in care of the Sturgis Foundation, 310 N. Franks Ave., Sturgis, MI 49091 or the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.legacy.com.

Jackie Hayward

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — Jackie Alan Hayward, 47, of Broomfield, Colo., and formerly of Hudson, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at his Colorado home from complications of melanoma, after a long, courageous battle.

Mr. Hayward

Mr. Hayward was a 1978 graduate of DeKalb High School. He enjoyed doing home improvements, cooking, gardening, family and friends and the Colorado mountains, where he lived most of his adult life. Friends and family will remember him for his sense of humor and fun-loving attitude.

He was born Dec. 29, 1959, in LaGrange to Billy Joe and Wilma Jean Hayward of Hudson. They survive.

Also surviving are a daughter, Emilee, of Thorton, Colo.; his partner, Ralph Carpio of Broomfield; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Brenda Hayward of Van Wert, Ohio, and Marla and Tracy Kretz of Waterloo; two nephews, Jeremy Castner and John Hayward, both of Hudson; two nieces, Brandy (Kretz) Miller of Angola and Nikki Kretz of Auburn; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and his extended Carpio family.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Ray and Glenna Hayward, and his maternal grandparents, Dan and Sadie Everage.

Services will be Friday at 7 p.m. in Rundus Funeral Home, 1998 W. 10th Ave., Broomfield, Colo. A memorial service will take place locally at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

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Mary Mathes

SPENCERVILLE — Mary Arlene Mathes, 85, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at the Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Mathes attended school in St. Joe and was very active in the Spencerville Community Club for many years. She was owner of the Turf Shop and was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ in rural St. Joe.

She was born July 17, 1922, the daughter of Clark and Daisy (Dean) Roberts, at Newville.

She married Virgil O. Mathes. He died June 13, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Eola and Paul Nofzinger of Colorado Springs, Colo., a son, Kenneth of Lilburn, Ga., five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, two brothers and one sister.

There will be no calling. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorial contributions are the Spencerville Community Club.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

Carolyn Polzin

ANGOLA — Carolyn L. Polzin, 63, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Polzin was a homemaker.

She was born May 21, 1944, in Elwood to Basil and Evelyn L. Hewitt. She was also raised by Calvin Morgan, her mother's second husband. All three preceded her in death. She married Edward "Red" Polzin on Dec. 31, 1980. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Michelle Smith, and Marshall and Dawn Smith, all of Alexandria; three stepchildren and a spouse, Jeffery Polzin of Oconto Falls, Wis., Kim and Robbie Swan of Wind Lake, Wis., and Lee Polzin of Franklin, Wis.; a sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Bill Hickman of Frankton, Tenn.; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, David and Rose Hewitt of Templeton, Pa., Fred Morgan of Marion, Kenneth Hewitt of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Merle and Linda Hewitt of Anderson; and eight grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Phyllis Gross and Jeannetta Henry.

A private family service has been held.

Arrangements were by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Rose Quinones

AUBURN — Rose M. Quinones, 46, of Auburn died Oct. 31, 2007, at her home with her family and friends by her side.

Mrs. Quinones worked as a machine operator for Federal Mogul in Avilla for the past 11 years. She was a graduate of Paul Harding High School and loved animals.

She was born Feb. 3, 1961, in Huntington. Her father, Charles F. Speith, preceded her in death, and her mother, Waltraut P. (Neubeurt) Bowers, survives in Churubusco.

On June 4, 2007, she married Danny "Taco" Quinones, who had been her companion for 18 years. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two stepsons and a spouse, Daniel A. and Erica Quinones of Fort Wayne and Dustin K. Gourley of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter and her husband, Brittany and Sean Gehring of Bluffton; a sister, Liane L. Speith of Fort Wayne; a brother, Charles F. Speith Jr. of Fort Wayne; her mother-in-law, Nan Quinones of Bluffton; and a stepgrandson, Kaleb Quinones.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black and Darlene Bergdoll officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

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Eugene Howard

KENDALLVILLE — Eugene Howard, 78, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Howard had retired from General Motors after 33 years of service.

Mr. Howard was a member of Salem United Baptist Church of Kendallville where he served as a deacon.

Mr. Howard

He loved to go fishing and boating and enjoyed going for walks.

He was born in Garrett, Ky., on Feb. 6, 1929, to Melvin and Dora (Click) Howard. He married Oma Jean Manns on July 16, 1948, in Prestonsburg, Ky. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and David McMann of Oscoda, Mich.; five grandchildren, Dr. Shannon McMann of Troy, Mich., Shawn McMann of East Pointe, Mich., Kimberley McMann of Ferndale, Mich., Marion Mazurek of Kendallville and Chad Mazurek of Clarkston, Mich.; and a great-grandchild, Haley Mazurek.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy Ann Mazurek; all eight of his brothers and sisters; and an infant son, Charles Edward Howard.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Salem United Baptist Church with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle and the Rev. Elmer Slone officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be after noon Friday at the church. There will be an evening service at 6 with the Rev. Glenn Jackson and the Rev. Tony Sparkman presiding.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
November 1, 2007, Thursday

Hazel 'Mae'Hartzler

LIGONIER — Hazel "Mae" Hartzler, 100, of Ligonier died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Hartzler

Mrs. Hartzler taught school for more than 23 years including at the Walnut One-Room School, Honeyville Elementary School, Perry Centralized School, Wawaka School and at Ligonier.

She was a 1925 graduate of Topeka High School and earned a teaching degree from Manchester College.

Mrs. Hartzler had volunteered at the Window of Goshen and at Topeka Mennonite Church where she served as the church board secretary.

She had been president of the TWM and was a member of the Retired Teachers Association.

She was born June 22, 1907, in Noble County to Melvin and Blanche (Hall) Steele. She married Roy Hartzler on May 16, 1930. He died in 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Linda Hartzler of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Royann and Orland Sprunger of Topeka; one daughter-in-law and her husband, Laverne and Everett Moon of Twelve Mile, Ind.; a sister, Evelyn Campbell of LaGrange; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Quentin Hartzler; two brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Topeka Mennonite Church with Pastor Robert Martz officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Window in Goshen, 233 N. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526 or Topeka Mennonite Church.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Rebecca Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Rebecca Faye Miller, 65, of Middlebury died at 5:53 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, at St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and was employed at Syndicate Systems in Middlebury for 20 years. She was a member of Trinity Missionary Church, and she collected antique dolls and antique tins.

She was born in Elkhart County on June 23, 1942, to Newberry and Faye (Zehner) Cooper. They preceded her in death.

She married Joseph Miller on June 19, 1982, in Middlebury. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Dianna Mann of Constantine, Mich., and Carol Mann of Elkhart; a son and daughter-in-law, LeRoy and Paula Mann of Goshen; two grandchildren; six sisters and two brothers-in-law, Virginia Jensen of Middlebury, Fran Valaeminck, Betty Lundy and Mary Wilson, all of Elkhart, Jean and Pat Bachelor of South Bend and Nancy and Roger Peterson of Ligonier; and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Sally Cooper of Middlebury.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert, Donald and Terry Cooper.

Services were Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. Terry Neumayer officiating. Burial was at Ivans Cemetery, MIddlebury.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Memorial service for Vi Fetters is Saturday

A memorial service for Viola "Vi" Fetters of Knapp Lake will be held this Saturday at Ligonier United Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Fetters died Sunday morning, Oct. 14, 2007.

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Local woman hit, killed in Florida

TAVARES, Fla. — An elderly Wawaka woman, who had just gone to Florida for the winter, died Tuesday morning after she was struck by a pickup truck.

Mary Kay Reidenbach, 84, was walking along the roadway with her husband, Jack Reidenbach, Tuesday when she was struck and killed in Tavares, a small town located 35 miles northwest of Orlando.

Mrs. Reidenbach was trying to cross S.R. 19 when she apparently walked into the path of a 1998 Ford Ranger, police said. She died at the scene of the 6:35 a.m. crash.

Tavares police Lt. Jason Paynter said Mr. and Mrs. Reidenbach were a familiar sight to police and residents of Tavares.

"We always saw them picking up cans or picking up trash and trying to help out," Paynter said Tuesday. "They seemed like real nice people. This was just one of those tragic accidents that you always think is going to happen

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WOMAN: *Funeral services are pending in Kendallville*

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somewhere else."

Paynter said the driver of the truck, John Forehand, 28, was traveling at the speed limit or under.

"The driver of the truck didn't see her or have time for anything," he said.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Reidenbach, who has children and grandchildren in Noble County, are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Makayla Roush

AUBURN — Makayla Renae Grace Roush, infant, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She is survived by her parents, Donald Roush II and Virginia McLaughlin; half sister, Alexis Nicole Lee Roush of South Bend; half brother, Austin Eugene Whittington of Indianapolis; three grandparents, Carol Sumner of Auburn, Sandy Nicewonder of Indianapolis, and Donald Roush of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather Everett McLaughlin; and great-grandparents, William and Edith Rempis, and Verl and Virginia Hart.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Herbert Strickland officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Imogene Barnhard

BRYAN, Ohio — Imogene E. Barnhard, 81, formerly of Bryan, Ohio, died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007, at Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton, Ohio.

Mrs. Barnhard retired from General Telephone after 20 years of service. She was a member of the Bryan Church of Christ and attended Trinity Bible in Edgerton.

She was born Aug. 19, 1926, in Pioneer, Ohio, to Sherman and Floy (Tucker) Rickard. They preceded her in death.

She married Glenn Barnhard on Dec. 7, 1946, in Gibsonburgh, Ohio. He died May 23, 1992.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah Poe of Butler, Laura Traster of Butler, and Katherine and Robert Felty of Columbus, Ohio; a brother, Leo Rickard of Bryan, Ohio; a sister, Mary Newcomb of Bryan, Ohio; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were four brothers, Rhue, Randal, Clinton and Paul Rickard; and two sisters, Gladys Myers and Irene Wheeler.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery at Farmer, Ohio.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkview Nursing Center.

Condoldences may be sent and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Emma Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Emma J. Yoder, 91, of Shipshewana died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Yoder worked for the Longaberger Basket Co. located in Hartville, Ohio, for 24 years.

She was a member of the Townline Mennonite Church.

She was born April 2, 1916, in Dover, Ind., to Phenis S. and Susanna D. (Miller) Yoder. She married Lloyd D. Yoder on Aug. 27, 1966, in Hartville, Ohio. He died March 16, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Darlene Yoder of Howe; a brother, Valentine Yoder of Canton, Ohio; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by six brothers; five sisters; and three stepsons.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Townline Mennonite Church with the Rev. Mel Eash officiating. Burial will be in Towline Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to Townline Mennonite Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

John Walker

ANGOLA — John E. Walker, 69, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Walker worked at Tyden-Brammall Inc. for 27 years, retiring in April.

He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge, and Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236. He was an extremely well-known keyboard player, playing all over northeast Indiana and Michigan. He and his wife were foster parents for 20 years.

He was born April 11, 1938, in Holmes County, Ohio, to Elmer and Donna (Gallion) Lower. Both preceded him in death. He married Mary Jean Riley on May 19, 1962. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Casey and Jennifer Walker of Angola, and Phil and Angie Gilham of Odessa, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Rich Baumgartner of Angola, and Marsha and Roger Lower of Rocky Mount, N.C.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Roger and Marsha Lower of Rocky Mount, and Carl and Lori Lower of Beaverton, Mich., a sister and brother-in-law Mary and Richard Rose of Hillsdale, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; as well as several foster children.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Chuck Wengerd, and brother, Chuck Lower.

Services will be private.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Robert Eash

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Russel Eash, 74, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Eash

Mr. Eash was a truck driver for Kendallville Iron and Metal for many years and had retired from Flex-Fab.

He liked to go hunting and fishing and work on lawn mowers. He also enjoyed watching the geese and swans at Bixler Lake.

Mr. Eash was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born in LaGrange County on July 13, 1933, to Ted and May (Stewart) Eash. He married Lucille Mapes on Nov. 11, 1967, in LaGrange. She preceded him in death Oct. 15, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Hassel Gayheart of Kendallville and Penny and Felix Short of Wolcottville; a son, Robert Rupley of Centerville, Mich.; and grandchildren Ashley Gayheart of Mongo, Paula Halferty of Wolcottville, Pam Starbuck of LaGrange, Scott Blankenship of LaGrange, Crystal Lawson of Rexburg, Idaho, Jimmy Short of Kendallville, Michelle Jasso of Wolcottville, Felix Short II of Elkhart, and Russel Rupley, Phyllis Rupley and Dylan Rupley, all of Centerville, Mich.

There will be no services. Burial will be at a later date at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Calling will be after from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Eash residence at 441 Freeman St. in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Gerald Gollnick

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Gerald C. "Butch" Gollnick, 63, of Montgomery, Mich., died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Gollnick was retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola.

He was a member of the Yesterday and Today Threshing Club, attended tractor shows and enjoyed restoring antique tractors and furniture. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who was dedicated to spending time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed attending the Fremont Community Church's Wednesday meals. He was a 1962 graduate of Camden-Frontier High School.

He was born Sept. 17, 1944, in Detroit to Gordon and Mildred (Pepple) Gollnick. His mother survives in Angola. He married Mary Smith on Jan. 27, 1963. She also survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Lou and Robert Pritchard of Camden, Mich., Peggy and Jonathan Nash of Montgomery, and Juanita McGarry and Roland Smith of Coldwater, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Colt and Christi Gollnick of Montgomery; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Eugene Gary of Reading, Mich., Bertha and Dale Osborne of Coldwater, and Sandra and Dave Beard of Montpelier, Ohio; three brothers, Norman Gollnick of Coldwater, Gordon Gollnick of Fremont, and Steven Gollnick of Coldwater; 26 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, a brother, a granddaughter and a sister-in-law.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich., with the Rev. Greg Chupp officiating. Burial will be in California Corners Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Harry Bennett III

MARKLE — Harry J. "Little Joe" Bennett III, 70, of Markle, died October 31, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bennett was a mechanic for AEP.

He had a passion for racing and was very active at race tracks throughout the Midwest. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Baer Field and Avilla raceways where he was known as "Little Joe."

He was born Sept. 25, 1937, in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Carol J. Bennett; son, Tony J. Bennett of Fort Wayne; daughter and son-in-law, Mindy D. and Thomas Dawson of Fort Wayne; brothers, Michael Bennett of Angola, and Wendell Bennett of Springfield, Ohio; sister, Cheryl Belcher of Decatur; and three grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Covington Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Victory Junction Gang Camp, a youth camp started by the Petty family for children with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses.

Mary Reidenbach

WAWAKA — Mary Reidenbach, 84, of Wawaka died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at Tavares, Fla.

Her husband, Jack Reidenbach, preceded her in death.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Dorothy Middel

QUINCY, Mich. — Dorothy F. "Dottie" Middel, 69, of Quincy, Mich., died in her home on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, after an extensive illness.

Ms. Middel worked at Acorn Products for 24 years and was also a waitress/bartender at the Quincy American Legion for many years.

She graduated in 1956 from St. Charles High School. She enjoyed her flowers, playing cards, watching her hummingbirds and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Ms. Middel

She was born May 2, 1938, in Detroit, to Oliver and Pauline Rimes. Her mother survives.

Also surviving are a sister Barbara Whitcomb of Coldwater; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marlene Middel and Bobby Mosley of Houston, Jacqueline Halliwell and Karen and Scott Walls of Quincy; three grandchildren, Nichole Walls of Quincy, Joshua Halliwell of Fort Wayne, and Kourtney Walls of Bronson; and a great-granddaughter, Kenadee Walls of Bronson; her former husband, Edmund Middel, survives in Quincy.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m., at the George White Funeral Home in Quincy, with the Rev. Leon Pohl officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the Quincy American Legion or American Cancer Society.

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Teen dies in crash during chase

3 others airlifted from the scene

KENDALLVILLE — A Wolcottville teenager was killed and three other teens seriously injured in a crash Friday night following a police chase on the Noble-LaGrange County Line Road at Angling Road.

Eddie Slone, 18, of Wolcottville, the driver of the vehicle, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash, according to the Indiana State Police.

Three passengers in Slone's vehicle — Samantha Huff, 16 of Wolcottville, Rachella Slone, 15, of Kendallville, and Britney Bolen, 15, of LaGrange — were airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne by the Samaritan helicopter. The extent of their injuries were not known early today.

According to Indiana State Police Trooper Roland Purdy, a Kendallville police officer was pursuing Slone's vehicle westbound on County Line Road (C.R. 1200N) for an alleged traffic violation. As Slone's 1990 Honda Acura approached Angling Road, it was not able to stop and went off the west side of Angling Road and struck a large tree stump.

Witnesses at the scene said after the crash, the car caught on fire.

Assisting at the scene were Kendallville police, Kendallville Fire and Rescue, Noble County EMS, and the Rome City Town Marshal's Office.

No further information on the accident was available early this morning.

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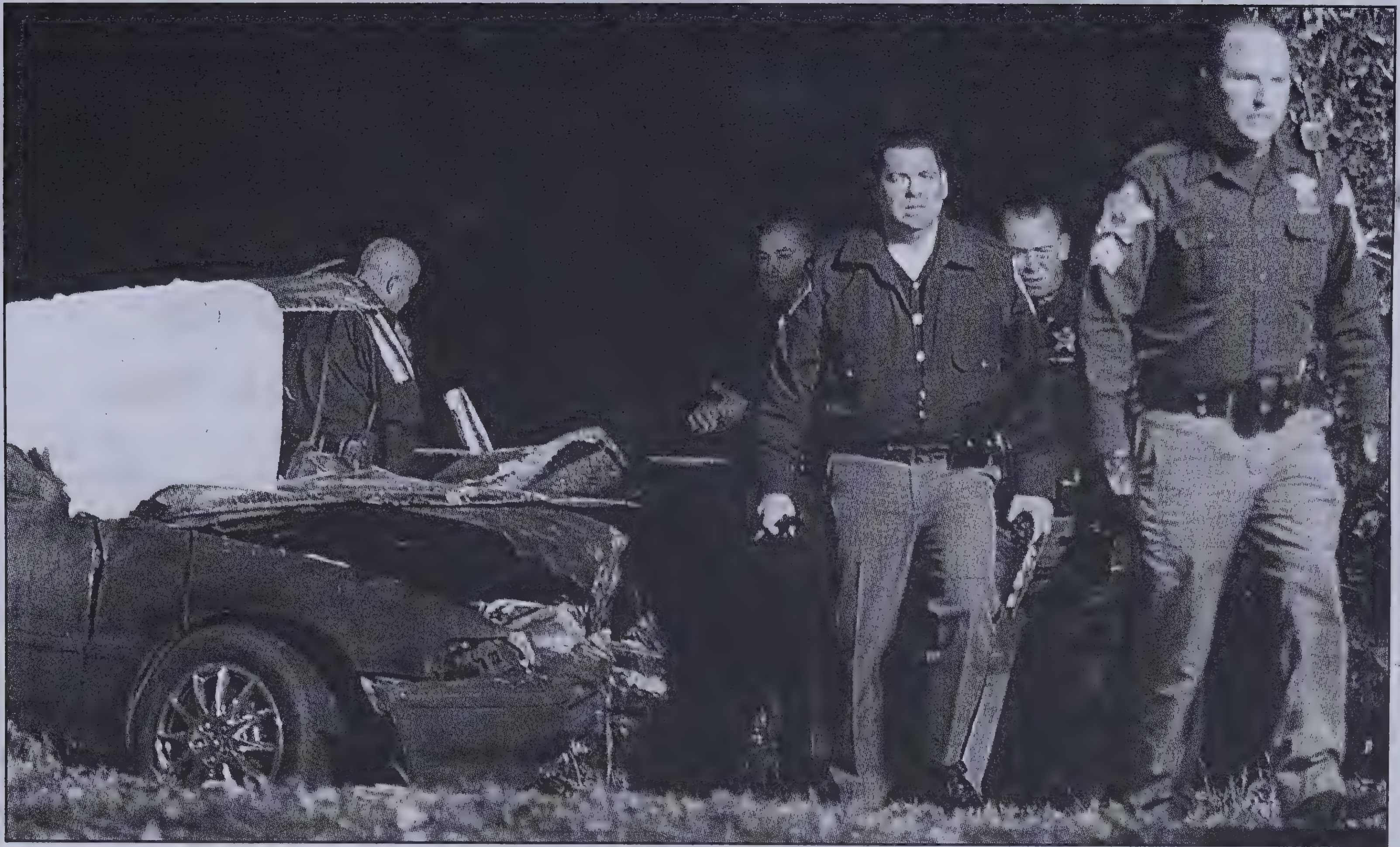

GREG BASTIN

Noble County and Indiana State Police officers work at the scene of a fatal crash Friday night on Angling Road, just north of the Noble-LaGrange county line. One person died and three others in the vehicle were airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. The car crashed into a tree stump, then caught fire, following a police chase.

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Larry Donley

FORT WAYNE — Larry Wayne Donley, 64, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a dairy farmer and a National Guardsman. He was also a square dancer, carpenter, world traveler and active Bethany United Methodist Church member.

Mr. Donley was known as an exceptional euchre player and gardener, loved antiques and auctions and was a big fan of IU basketball. He never knew a stranger and will be missed by more family and friends than he could count from all over the country.

Born on Oct. 21, 1943, in his home, he was the son of Kenneth Donley, who preceded him in death. He married Marna Schlotterback 39 years ago. She survives.

Also surviving are three children, Alicia (Randel) Straka, Amy Donley and Curtis (Dusanka) Donley; four grandchildren, Jakob and Aidan Straka and Danijela and Sasa Donley; a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Charleen Donley, and their family; and a brother-in-law and his wife, Frederick and Kathy Schlotterback and their family.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with friend and pastor John Smith officiating. Internment will be in Orange Township Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bethany United Methodist Church.

William Hancock

FREMONT — William Glenn Hancock, 83, of Fremont died Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Hancock was a security guard at the Fort Wayne V.A. Hospital and was a World War II veteran who served in the Navy in Korea. He was a member of the American Legion.

Mr. Hancock

He was born Oct. 9, 1924, in Carterville, Ill., to William J. and Ginny (Patrick) Hancock. He married Florence Buell on Sept. 30, 1943.

Surviving are his wife; three sons and daughters-in-law, Lowell and Livanos Hancock of Canton, Ohio, Jack and Angela Hancock and Kirk and Irene Hancock, all of Fremont; two daughters and sons-in-law, Betty Hancock of Muncie, Mary and Dennis Rider of Fremont; 22 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Paul Hancock; a grandson, William Joseph Hancock; four brothers, Henry, Claude, Eugene, and Donald Hancock; and three sisters, Ora Bundren, Ruby Westbrook and Ruth Stafford.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Dygert Cemetery in Steuben County with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Gladys Hart

ST. JOE — Gladys M. Hart, 85, of St. Joe, died Friday Nov. 2, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Hart was a lifelong homemaker and enjoyed her grandchildren, sewing, needlepoint, gardening and playing the accordion.

She graduated from St. Joe High School.

Mrs. Hart

She was a member of Coburn Corners Church of Christ in rural St. Joe, where she taught children's Sunday School for many years. She was a Home Economic Club member.

She was born Dec. 31, 1921, in Newville to Lloyd and Thelma (Benninghoff) Keener.

She married James A. Hart on Sept. 6, 1940. He died Jan. 31, 2003.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, William D. and Phyllis of Springfield, Ohio, Gary L. and Roberta of Harlan and Dennis G. and Karen of St. Joe; a daughter, Evon S. Hart; and her special friend, Cecil Hulese of Auburn; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Jerry L. Keener of Butler; and two sisters, Deloris Inlow of Fort Wayne and Shirley Fritz of Hicksville, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sue Ann.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Coburn Corners Church of Christ, with Doug Holley and Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio. and Monday after 9 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

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Mary Reidenbach

WAWAKA — Mary Kathryn Reidenbach, 84, of Wawaka died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007, after being struck by a vehicle while walking in her neighborhood at her winter home in Tavares, Fla.

Mrs. Reidenbach worked for her parents at Laur's Restaurant in Ligonier and at Uniform Printing in Kendallville. She was later primarily a homemaker, raising her four children, and she also operated a ceramic business out of her home.

Mrs. Reidenbach

A Cromwell High School graduate of 1941, she was a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren, the Red Hat Society in both Noble County and Florida, and the Noble County Gas and Steam Association. She was also a 63-year member of the 500 Card Club in Noble County and was director of the Indiana Farm Bureau for many years.

Her grandchildren were her biggest fans and she handmade each of them quilts when they graduated from high school. When each great-grandchild was born, she made crib quilts for them.

Along with her husband, she enjoyed the many winters she spent in Florida. One of her favorite pastimes was tending to her garden and flower beds.

She was born in Cromwell on Oct. 27, 1923, to B. Ray and Mildred Maude (Fitzpatrick) Miller. She married Jack Edward Reidenbach on Oct. 8, 1944, at the Lutheran Church in Cromwell. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Vicki and Michael Kuker of Fort Wayne and Peggy Bricker of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Philip R. Reidenbach of Wolcottville and John and Lynn Reidenbach of Wawaka; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Alice Miller of Attica, Ohio, and Alan and Millie Miler of Pierceton; a sister and brother-in-law, Doris Gene and James Campbell of Humble, Texas; 13 grandchildren, Amy and James Gonzagowski of Fort Wayne, Angela and Gregory Samels of Fort Wayne, Tonya Antonides of Auburn, Troy and Nichole Antonides of Kendallville, Tara and Todd Smith of Indianapolis, Jill and Mike Becker of Albion, Philip Jack and Kim Reidenbach and Christi Plank, all of Cromwell, Emily and Adam Tomlinson of Ligonier, Jackie and Tony Wilson of Columbus, Ohio, Jennifer and Mike Bentley of Ligonier, and Seth Reidenbach and Sam Reidenbach, both of Wawaka; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Aaron Reidenbach in 1986.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Verne Leininger officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Wawaka Church of the Brethren or the Noble County Democratic Scholarship Fund.

A video tribute, after Monday, may be viewed at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Robert Sumney Jr.

DENVER, N.C. — Robert Wayne Sumney Jr., 51, of Denver, N.C., died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Sumney was born in Fort Wayne and graduated from Northrop High School in 1974. He retired as a district sales representative from Swedish Match North American in 2001.

He enjoyed his life with a wonderful sense of humor and with great fun.

Surviving are his wife, Janet; a son and daughter-in-law, Shawn and Andrea Sumney of New Haven; two daughters, Kelley Sumney of Fort Wayne and Jessica Sumney of Denver, N.C.; three grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Robyn and Stan Clark of Wolcottville, and Shelly Hansen of Churubusco; two stepbrothers and spouses, Alan and Virginia Reed of Rowlett, Texas, and Jeff and Nancy Reed of Riottondo, Texas; his mother and stepfather, Alyce and Alan Reed of Fort Wayne; and his mother-in-law, Barbara Gillie of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Wayne Sumney, in 2006.

Services have taken place.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Mentor Moms Endowment Fund, LaGrange County Community Foundation, 109 E. Central Ave., LaGrange IN 46761.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct errors made by this newspaper.*

Makayla Roush

PLEASANT LAKE — Makayla Renae Grace Roush, infant, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She is survived by her parents, Donald Roush II and Virginia McLaughlin; half sister, Alexis Nicole Lee Roush of South Bend; half brother, Austin Eugene Whittington of Indianapolis; three grandparents, Carol Sumner of Auburn, Sandy Nicewonder of Indianapolis, and Donald Roush of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Everett McLaughlin; and great-grandparents, William and Edith Rempis, and Verl and Virginia Hart.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Herbert Strickland officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Police report on fatal chase

Officer pursued car that had lights off

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KENDALLVILLE — Police were trying to make a routine traffic stop of a driver who led officers on a high-speed chase that ended in a fatal crash Friday night, according to a Kendallville Police report.

Eddie D. Slone, 18, of Wolcottville was pronounced dead at the scene of a crash on the Noble-LaGrange County Line Road at Angling Road at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Three teenagers who were riding in the car with Slone — Samantha Huff, 16, of Wolcottville, Rachella Slone, 15, of Kendallville, and Britney Bolen, 15, of LaGrange — were injured and airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

At 9 p.m. Saturday, Huff was listed in fair condition, while Slone and Bolen were listed in serious condition, a hospital spokesperson said.

According to a report from the Kendallville Police Department issued early Saturday, Kendallville Police Sgt. Michael McCann was on a routine patrol Friday and was driving eastbound on North Street (U.S. 6) at

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8:32 p.m. when he saw a black, mid-sized passenger car driving westbound near the city limits with its headlights off.

According to the report, McCann made a U-turn and activated his red-and-blue lights and siren in an attempt to pull the car over.

The police report said Slone turned westbound onto Dowling Street, disregarding the lights and siren of the fully marked police vehicle.

The report said Slone continued westbound on Dowling at approximately 60 mph. A second fully marked police car attempted to stop Slone's car at Dowling and Wood streets, but the car turned northbound onto Wood Street, disregarding the second police car's red-and-blue lights.

Slone proceeded north on Wood Street, then turned west on North Street, traveling 50 to 60 mph through light traffic, but slowing to 35 mph as he went through a construction area west of Main Street, the report said.

Slone then turned and headed north on S.R. 3, reaching speeds of approximately 100 mph, police said. Slone turned off of S.R. 3 and

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headed west on the county line road (C.R. 1200N), continuing at a high rate of speed, according to the report.

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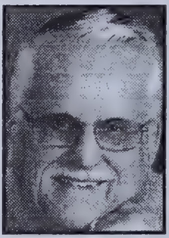
The chase and crash are still under investigation by the Indiana State Police and the Noble County Coroner's office.

Assisting Kendallville Police at the crash site were the Wolcottville Police Department, Rome City Police Department, Noble County Sheriff's Department, LaGrange County Fire Department, Kendallville Fire Department, Orange Township Fire Department, Johnson Township Fire Department, Parkview Samaritan helicopter and the Noble County EMS.

Donald Burdick

BUTLER — Donald L. Burdick, 73, of Butler died Friday, Nov.2, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Burdick was a retired carpenter and co-owner of Burdick Construction. He was a graduate of Butler High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, Butler's American Legion Post 202 and the Butler Eagles.


Mr. Burdick

He was born Nov. 28, 1933, in Edelstein, Ill. to Albert and Helen (Hough) Burdick.

He then married Marilyn Keller on Oct. 19, 1957, in Butler. She died Nov. 9, 2002.

He married Suzanne Freidenberger on March 21, 2003, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Kim Burdick of Leo and Bruce and Ann Burdick of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Beth Fleming of Decatur; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Jeff and Beth Freidenberger of St. Joe; a brother, Wayne Burdick of Auburn; a sister, Dorothy Easterly of New Haven; eight grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Justin Fisher officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, with military honors by American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at H. E.. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Ed Slone

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ed Slone, 19, of Wolcottville died Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, in an automobile accident in Noble County.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Homes, Wolcottville Chapel.

Elsie Rosenberger

KENDALLVILLE — Elsie V. Rosenberger, 91, of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, at the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Homes, Kendallville Chapel.

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Gerald Sliga

MIDDLEBURY — Gerald F. Sliga, 72, of Middlebury died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, at 9:05 a.m. at Maples at Waterford Crossing, Goshen. He had been in declining health for the past three months.

Mr. Sliga worked for the village of Riverdale, Ill., and was in public works for 20 years. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange and had lived in the Middlebury area for the past 12 years.

Mr. Sliga

He was born March 16, 1935, in Chicago to Cleo and Marie (Simnick) Sliga. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Chris and Michelle Sliga of Fishers and Steve Sliga of Chicago; two grandsons, Bradley and Mitchell Sliga; a brother, James Sliga of Middlebury; a special nephew and his spouse, Thomas and Vickie Sliga of Sycamore, Ill.; and the mother of Mr. Sliga's sons, Jean Sliga of Griffith.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Sliga.

There will be no calling or services.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Margaret H. Yoder, 67, of Shipshewana died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, at 1:40 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen. She had been in declining health for the past six weeks with cancer.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She had moved to the Shipshewana area in 1961.

She was born May 14, 1940, in Decatur to Noah E. and Mary J. (Schwartz) Schwartz.

She married Mose A. Yoder in Middlebury on Aug. 28, 1969. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Etta Fern and John Stoltzfus of Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Ruth Elaine Yoder of LaGrange; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Catherine Byler of Spartansburg, Pa., Emma and Ernest Schrock of Goshen, Carol and Noah Byler of Middlebury, Edith and Eli Miller of Nappanee and Elizabeth and Larry Miller of Topeka; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Maryann Schwartz of Ligonier, Albert and Margaret Schwartz of LaGrange, Amos and Lydiann Schwartz of Pardeeville, Wis.; and a sister-in-law, Anna Schwartz of Middlebury.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Rosina Miller, and two brothers, Levi Schwartz and infant Enos Schwartz.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence, 9860 W. S.R. 120, Shipshewana, with the Bishop Dean Bontrager and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be at the family residence after 2 p.m. Sunday and all day Monday.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Fun was his middle name

Bill Soboslay brought enjoyment to all

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — “He was a good friend, and a good man.”

When he thinks about Bill Soboslay, his teammate on the 1951 Kendallville High School track team and his longtime friend, John Hutchins smiles. “We had some great times together,” he said.

William J. “Bill” Soboslay Sr., 74, of Kendallville died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007.

He was a three-sport star in high school who pitched in the Chicago Cubs minor league system, a civic-minded Kendallville businessman, a devoted husband married to his high school sweetheart for 54 years and loving father who attended his children’s activities and insisted his family sit down for supper each night and say the Lord’s Prayer together.

Fun should have been Mr. Soboslay’s middle name, according to his friends.

“Bill was sure a lot of fun,” said his cousin, Marianna Reick, who baby-sat for the Soboslay children when they were growing up in Kendallville. “He made me laugh so hard some times with his stories. He had a lot of friends.”

Hutchins, who played with Soboslay on the successful 1951-52 Kendallville High School Comets varsity basketball team that won the Kendallville sectional, remembers the fun he and his wife had on snow-skiing trips to Michigan with the Soboslays and other local couples. “He was just fun to be with,” said Hutchins.

Soboslay’s wife, Sallie, remembers her husband’s reaction in high school to the opposition booing when the Kendallville team took the floor.

“He hated it. The booing just fired him up,” she said.

Soboslay took up golf when he was in California pitching for the California Angels in the Chicago Cubs minor league system. He would become an avid golfer and held the Kendallville Elks golf course record for many years.

Hutchins and retired Kendallville businessman Darol Stroman recalled the many occasions over the years when they played golf with their friend.

“Bill was a natural athlete. Anything he tried he was good at,” said Hutchins. “I wasn’t a very good golfer, and Bill was a scratch golfer. Even though he was better than me, we had fun because Bill played for the enjoyment of the

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William J. “Bill” Soboslay and his wife, Sallie

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game and being with friends."

At Soboslay's funeral, Stroman recalled the times when Soboslay brought out his favorite putter. "Bill would hit one of his low wedge shots to the green and make the ball stop somehow," said Stroman. "Then he'd get out that dreaded putter. No matter where his ball was on the green, he rolled it on line to the cup with that putter."

Stroman said whenever he takes out his golf clubs now, he thinks of the great times he had playing golf with Soboslay.

Son Jay Soboslay recalled the time he caddied for his dad in a pro-am in Plymouth with Ladies Professional Golf Association players participating.

"He was paired with tour winner Vivian Bromlee. On the first hole my dad struck his drive in the middle of the fairway, and then struck his approach shot close to the pin. He did this the whole round. It became apparent to me and Bromlee that my dad was a very good player. He was and will always be my hero," Jay Soboslay said.

His daughter, Rhae Dazey, said her father went to all his children's sports activities, baseball, basketball and softball, and then attended his grandchildren's activities. He coached in the Kendallville Youth Baseball Association for many years.

"Dad was a Cubs fan, went to their games in Chicago and spring training games in Arizona," said his daughter, Dee Rathge. "He idolized Ron Santo (former Cubs third baseman and radio commentator)."

His son, Joe Soboslay, remembers his dad saying things at the right moment. "He would grit his teeth and say you're as full of ---- as a Christmas goose. He was extremely witty at the most opportune times. What a great man."

Jay described his dad as a "special friend and very loving and caring father who holds a special place in his heart."

Their father loved to cook, especially on the grill.

"He made French dip, his own barbecue sauce, ground his own hash and insisted corn on the cob be grilled in the husk," said Rhae.

Sallie Soboslay remembers the cookouts for family and friends at their Sylvan Lake cottage with her husband grilling the food.

"Cheeseburgers and corn-on-the-cob was his favorite meal," she said.

On their birthdays, Soboslay let his children choose the family meal menu and he would prepare it.

Family was important. The Soboslays had six children.

"Dad insisted we sit down at the big table and eat together each night," said Dee. "We said the Lord's Prayer."

Rhae and Dee joined hands with their brothers Doug, Joe, Chris and Jay at the funeral to say the Lord's Prayer with their father for the last time.

His boys took out his golf clubs and hit golf balls with them for one last time. His favorite putter lies next to him in Lake View Cemetery.

Mr. Soboslay was born Feb. 24, 1933, in Kendallville, to Anton and Florence (Nartker) Soboslay.

He was owner of the Kendallville Distributing Corp. and co-owner of The Toggery Shop in Kendallville. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville, where he served as elder and deacon. He was a past president of the Kendallville Rotary Club, a past president of the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce, a former member of the Kendallville Elks, Masonic Lodge and Shrine.

Surviving, in addition to his wife of 54 years, are daughters and sons-in-law, Rhae and Jim Dazey and Dee-Ann and Bill Rathge, all of Kendallville, four sons and two daughters-in-law, Doug and Laura Soboslay and William Joe Soboslay Jr., all of Phoenix, Ariz., Chris Soboslay of Old Hickory, Tenn., and Jay David Soboslay of Kendallville; 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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Chase policy followed 'to the letter'

Kendallville police chief says officer's actions appropriate in fatal pursuit

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — A city police officer followed police department procedures in Friday night's high-speed chase that ended in a fatal crash, Kendallville Police Chief Rob Wiley said this morning.

"The officer followed it to the letter," Wiley said.

Eddie D. Slone, 18, of Wolcottville was pronounced dead at the scene of a crash on the Noble-LaGrange County Line Road (C.R. 1200N) at Angling Road at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Three teenage passengers in the car with Slone — Samantha Huff, 16, of Wolcottville, Rachella Slone, 15, of Kendallville, and Britney Bolen, 15, of LaGrange, were injured and airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Bolen was listed in serious condition, and Slone and Huff were listed in fair condition as of 7 a.m. today, according to a hospital spokesperson.

According to a police news release, Kendallville police Sgt. Mike McCann was on patrol Friday driving eastbound on U.S. 6 at about 8:32 p.m. when he saw a black mid-sized passenger car westbound near the city limits with its headlights off.

McCann made a U-turn and activated his red-and-blue lights and siren of his marked police vehicle.

Slone turned westbound onto Dowling Street, disregarding the police vehicle's lights and siren.

According to Kendallville Police Department standard operating procedure for vehicular pursuits, an officer may initiate a pursuit when:

- A suspect vehicle has failed to stop when properly signaled or directed by a law enforcement officer and identification and apprehension cannot otherwise be attained;
- A suspect exhibits intention to flee to avoid apprehension for alleged commission of a felony or a misdemeanor offense that would normally result in a custody arrest;
- Allowing the suspect to flee presents an imminent threat to human life or could cause serious physical harm to persons or property if allowed to continue.

Officers should consider the condition of the road, the area where the pursuit would be conducted, other traffic and pedestrians in the area and weather and lighting conditions when deciding whether to initiate a pursuit, according to KPD procedures.

According to police, Slone continued westbound on Dowling Street at approximately 60 mph. A second marked police car attempted to stop Slone's car at Dowling and Wood streets, but Slone turned north onto Wood Street, disregarding the second police car's red-and-blue lights.

Slone went north on Wood Street, then turned west on North Street (U.S. 6), traveling 50 to 60 mph through light traffic, but slowing to 35 mph as he went through the U.S. 6 construction zone just west of Main Street, according to the police news

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release.

Slone then turned north on S.R. 3, reaching speeds of approximately 100 mph, according to police. He turned off S.R. 3 onto Noble C.R. 1200N at a high rate of speed.

McCann and the second police vehicle were about one-quarter to one-half mile behind Slone and reduced their speed on the road, the police news release indicated.

A Wolcottville police vehicle stopped on the berm near the intersection of C.R. 1200N and Angling Road. Slone attempted to stop his car at the intersection. The car slid, struck a large tree stump on the west side of the road and came to rest in the front yard of a residence on the west side of the intersection.

Indiana State Police are investigating the chase and crash, said Wiley.

No evidence of alcohol was found at the scene, he said.

"We don't know at this time why he ran," said Wiley.

In Indiana, fleeing from a law enforcement officer after the officer has initiated a siren or emergency lights to stop a driver can be charged as a Class A misdemeanor or felony.

Mother of injured teen questions need for chase

MOTHER: *Police say officer was unable to get license plate number*

BY MATT GETTS
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KENDALLVILLE — The mother of one of the teens injured in a crash that killed a Wolcottville teen Friday night questioned the official police account of the circumstances surrounding the incident, and questioned police policy regarding pursuing fleeing vehicles.

Eddie D. Slone, 18, of Wolcottville was pronounced dead at the scene of a crash on the Noble-LaGrange County Line Road at Angling Road at approximately 8:45 p.m.

According to Slone's aunt, Lisa Bolen, who is also the mother of one of the injured teens, Slone was not insured, and that's why he may have run when police attempted to pull him over for a routine traffic violation.

"Eddie didn't have any car insurance," Lisa Bolen said. "That's why he ran from the police."

Kendallville Police Chief Rob Wiley said this morning his department was working to confirm whether Slone was insured.

Three teenagers who were riding in the car with Slone — Samantha Huff, 16, of Wolcottville, Rachella Slone, 15, of Kendallville, and Britney Bolen, 15, of LaGrange — were injured and airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Huff and Slone were listed in fair condition this morning at Parkview. Bolen was listed in serious condition.

According to a report from the Kendallville Police Department issued early Saturday, Kendallville Police Sgt. Michael McCann was on a routine patrol Friday and was driving eastbound on North Street (U.S. 6) at 8:32 p.m. when he saw a black, mid-sized passenger car driving westbound near the city limits with its headlights off.

Lisa Bolen, the mother of Britney Bolen and the aunt of the other three occupants of the vehicle, said this morning that she was told by Huff that the car did have one functional headlight, a fact disputed by police.

"(McCann) saw no headlights on the vehicle," Wiley said.

According to Wiley, even if one headlight was working, that is still a traffic violation and

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could have prompted a stop.

Lisa Bolen said the four occupants of the vehicle had been in rural Butler riding ATVs, and coming from a rural location in the dark, they would have noticed if the headlights had not been operational.

According to the report, McCann made a U-turn and activated his red-and-blue lights and siren in an attempt to pull the car over. The police report said Slone turned westbound onto Dowling Street, disregarding the lights and siren of the fully marked police vehicle.

Lisa Bolen said she wished police would have simply gotten the license plate information from the vehicle, avoiding the tragedy.

"If the police had not pursued him, Eddie would be alive today and the girls would be OK," Lisa Bolen said.

Wiley said McCann was never able to get close enough to the vehicle to read the plates, and that the pursuing officers did their jobs correctly.

"Officers followed department (standard operating procedures) to the letter," Wiley said. "The results were unfortunate."

Lucille Todd

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille Marie Todd, 89, of Avilla and formerly of South Milford died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Todd

She graduated in 1936 as valedictorian of her class from St. Joseph High School in Garrett.

As a young girl, she played the violin. In her early 20s, she sang with the Ted Weems Orchestra in and around Fort Wayne. She was an avid reader of current events and history. She was a very domestic person and loved to bake and cook and take care of her family.

Mrs. Todd was a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Todd was born in Garrett on April 8, 1918, to Michael and Magdalena (Bapst) Johnson. She married Robert S. Todd on Sept. 27, 1939, in Garrett and he preceded her death March 2, 1988.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Bob Hedges of Orland, Julie and Hal Kelley of Seagrove Beach, Fla., Sara and Charley Fisher of Kendallville and Mary and Bill Kribbs of Massillon, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Stan and Mel Todd of LaGrange; a sister, Marcella Lewis of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother, Jerry Johnson of Garrett; 14 grandchildren, Angie Jones of Auburn, Gretchen Mallers of Fort Wayne, Rob Kelley of Woodlands, Texas, Matt Kelley of Rochester, N.Y., Andrea Camp of Cartersville, Ga., Amy Metcalf of Florida, Ryan Todd of Fishers, Mitchell Todd of Ann Arbor, Mich., Lucy Smiley of Fishers, Adam Fisher of Eugene, Ore., Todd Fisher of Gallatin, Tenn., Bill Kribbs of Massillon, Ohio, Betsy Harrison of North Canton, Ohio, and Becky Kribbs of Massillon; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Todd on April 8, 1944; two sisters, Lorraine Johnson and Esther Wilson; and three brothers, Harold and Orville Johnson and Danny Seifert.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, 515 N. Main St. in Avilla, with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford. Pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with a rosary service at 6:45 p.m. There will also be one hour of calling before the funeral Mass.

View a video tribute (after Tuesday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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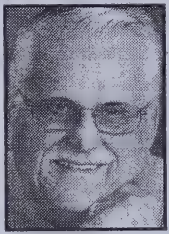
Donald Burdick


Mr. Burdick

BUTLER — Donald L. Burdick, 73, of Butler died Friday, Nov.2, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Burdick was a retired carpenter and co-owner of Burdick Construction. He was a graduate of Butler High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, Butler's American Legion Post 202 and the Butler Eagles.

He was born Nov. 28, 1933, in Edelstein, Ill. to Albert and Helen (Hough) Burdick.

He married Marilyn Keller on Oct. 19, 1957, in Butler. She died Nov. 9, 2002.

He then married Suzanne Freidenberger on March 21, 2003, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Kim Burdick of Leo and Bruce and Ann Burdick of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Beth Fleming of Decatur; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Jeff and Beth Freidenberger of St. Joe; a brother, Wayne Burdick of Auburn; a sister, Dorothy Easterly of New Haven; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Justin Fisher officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, with military honors by American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at H. E.. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Eddie Slone

WOLCOTTVILLE — Eddie Dwayne Slone, 19, of Wolcottville died Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at 9:30 p.m. as the result of injuries in an auto accident at the intersection of C.R. 1200N and Angling Road, north of Kendallville.

Mr. Slone

He was a 2007 graduate of Lakeland High School and had resided most of his life in Wolcottville.

He was born Oct. 10, 1988, in Martin, Ky., to Jimmy and Carol (Slone) Huff. His parents survive in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a sister, Samantha Leann Huff of Wolcottville; a brother, Johnathon Slone of Wolcottville; his paternal grandmother, Sadie Huff of Garrett; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by two grandmothers, Vallis Huff and Lovella Johnson-Bolen, and a grandfather, Johnny Slone.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church, 2900 E. C.R. 1150N, Wolcottville, with Pastor Earl Rose officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at the church, with a service at 7 p.m. both evenings.

Memorials are to the family and may be sent to Young Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 341, Wolcottville, IN 46795.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Donna Vosteen

LIGONIER — Donna Jean Vosteen, 60, of Ligonier died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen after being diagnosed with cancer in February.

Mrs. Vosteen

Mrs. Vosteen was a lifetime area resident.

She had been employed by Noble County ARC for 32 years and had been its executive director since 1997.

She was involved in the Red Hat Society and was a member of Ligonier Church of Christ.

Mrs. Vosteen was very good at making friends and enjoyed helping others.

After her children were raised, she went back to school and received her master's degree in business administration from Indiana Wesleyan University and also attended the University of Saint Francis.

She was born on July 15, 1947, in Wolf Lake to Donald and Naola (Kimmel) Reed. On Sept. 1, 1984, she married Mike Vosteen in Ligonier. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Eric and Jacqueline Hanshew of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Erik Vosteen of Noble County; two grandchildren, Zoe, and Alexis Hanshew; her mother, Naola Reed of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Sherie Reed of Columbus, Ind.; and a sister, Loretta Funk of Savannah, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Reed, on Dec. 21, 2006.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ligonier Church of Christ with Pastor Mel Harrell officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Noble County ARC.

Jerry Conley

KENDALLVILLE — Jerry Conley, 55, of Kendallville died suddenly today, Nov. 6, 2007, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Helen Workman

ANGOLA — Helen N. Workman, 85, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at Northern Lakes Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Workman was a homemaker.

She was born July 16, 1922, in Garrett to Elza and Carrie (Haynes) Jordan. They preceded her in death.

She married Merle Workman on Sept. 16, 1939, in Garrett. He died Sept. 29, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Workman and Rick Workman, both of Angola; three daughters, Nancy Delucenay of Pleasant Lake, Sharon Goffnett of Ithaca, Mich., and Connie Kellogg of Battle Creek, Mich., five brothers, Robert Jordan, Donald Jordan and Franklin Jordan, all of Garrett, Elza Jordan Jr. of Helmer and Dallas Jordan of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Loyal Jordan.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Ron Moore officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information about services.*

Robert Sumney Jr.

DENVER, N.C. — Robert Wayne Sumney Jr., 51, of Denver, N.C., died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Sumney was born in Fort Wayne and graduated from Northrop High School in 1974. He retired as a district sales representative from Swedish Match North American in 2001.

He enjoyed his life with a wonderful sense of humor and with great fun.

Surviving are his wife, Janet; a son and daughter-in-law, Shawn and Andrea Sumney of New Haven; two daughters, Kelley Sumney of Fort Wayne and Jessica Sumney of Denver, N.C.; three grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Robyn and Stan Clark of Wolcottville, and Shelly Hansen of Churubusco; two stepbrothers and spouses, Alan and Virginia Reed of Rowlett, Texas, and Jeff and Nancy Reed of Riottondo, Texas; his mother and stepfather, Alyce and Alan Reed of Fort Wayne; and his mother-in-law, Barbara Gillie of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Wayne Sumney, in 2006.

Services in Fort Wayne will be announced at a later date.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Mentor Moms Endowment Fund, LaGrange County Community Foundation, 109 E. Central Ave., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Roger Hossler

LARWILL — Roger L. Hossler, 61, of Larwill died at 5:55 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had lived near Larwill for the past 22 years.

Mr. Hossler was a former member of the Larwill Lions Club and the Pierceton American Legion Post.

His formative years were spent in Pierceton where he was educated at Pierceton High School. After completing his education, he began working at Weatherhead Co. in Columbia City. In October 1966, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea. Following his discharge from military duty, he returned to his job and retired from Dana-Weatherhead with 33 years of service. In April 1998, he started working at Reelcraft Co. in Columbia City where he was currently employed.

He was born on Feb. 11, 1946, in Kosciusko County to Worth and Mable (Fruit) Hossler. On Oct. 23, 1965, he married Sandra J. Reid. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim and Pam Hossler of Kimmell and Dennis Hossler of South Whitley; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Garry Rumsey of Ligonier; six grandchildren; a sister, Colleen Ridenour of Warsaw; and a brother, Larry Hossler of Wolf Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ralph Hossler.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Pastor Dale Moser officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery at Larwill with military honors by Whitley County war veterans.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department.

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Robert Seely

HUNTERTOWN — Robert R. Seely, 82, of Huntertown died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, at 10:50 p.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Seely was an operating engineer-boiler tender at Falstaff Brewery in Fort Wayne for 30 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a Huntertown resident for more than 30 years.

He was born Dec. 25, 1924, in Fort Wayne, to Arthur and Nellie (Rhoads) Seely.

He married Delta L. Swick in February 1948. She died in April 2005.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Brenda Seely of Auburn; a daughter, Coleen Seely of St. Paul, Minn.; three granddaughters, Devin, Candice and Elizabeth Seely of Auburn; a brother, Richard Seely of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Virginia Miller of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Arthur Seely, and a sister, Harriett Vroman.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church of LaOtto.

Condolences may be sent and an online guestbook may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Elsie Rosenberger

KENDALLVILLE — Elsie V. Rosenberger, 91, of Kendallville died at 8:05 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Rosenberger came to the United States from England at the age of 6, and resided in Buffalo, N.Y.

She had lived in Kendallville since 1996.

She was born Jan. 12, 1916, in Croydon, England, to Arthur J. and Harriet Sophia Sarah (Upton) May.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Helen Snyder of Kendallville; a grandson and his wife, Dave and Deb Snyder of Kendallville; six great-grandchildren and their spouses, April Snyder, Chris Behnke, David and Debbie Snyder, Darlene and Bruce Schocke, Erica Snyder and Ashley Snyder; and three great-great-grandchildren, Sean Snyder, Angie Schocke and Braydon Schocke.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Michael Snyder, in June 2007.

There will be no services or visitation.

Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Buffalo, N.Y.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Warren Nidlinger Jr.

DECATUR — Warren H. Nidlinger Jr., 83, of Decatur died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Mr. Nidlinger Jr.

Mr. Nidlinger was a retired farmer. He was a member of Gideons International and Fellowship of Christian Farmers, a charter member of the Union Township Lions Club, a life member of the Adams County Historical Society, a past board member of North Adams Community Schools, a past board member of the Adams County Community Foundation, a past Union Township trustee, a past member of the Decatur Cemetery Board, a volunteer at Adams Memorial Hospital and a member of Mount Victory United Brethren in Christ Church.

He was born May 7, 1924, in Adams County to Hugh V. and Iva P. (Ginther) Nidlinger. They preceded him in death.

He married Phyllis A. Stump on Aug. 25, 1946. She died Sept. 9, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Nan Nidlinger of Decatur; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheila and Estle Townsend Jr. of Decatur and Pamela and Keith Scranton of Auburn; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur, with the Rev. Ed Gebert officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mount Victory United Brethren in Christ Church or The Gideons.

An online guest book may be signed at www.haggardandsefton.com.

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Kelly Wells

LAGRANGE — Kelly L. Wells, 93, of LaGrange died at 9:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007.

Mr. Wells

Mr. Wells had worked on the family farm and had been employed at Fan Coach in LaGrange. He has also served as a security guard for Pinkerton Security in LaGrange.

He was affectionately known as "Dude" and "Carnation Charlie" due to his tendency to dress very formally. He was also called the "Mayor of Shipshewana" by his friends at the Shipshewana auction and flea market.

Mr. Wells enjoyed Lipizzaner and Arabian horses and enjoyed watching old Western movies.

He attended Sailor School and LaGrange High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran and during World War II he served in the South Pacific, Guadacanal and the Philippines and Solomon islands. He received the Asiatic Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star.

He was born Oct. 23, 1914, in Wellington, Ky., to Olive Mae Wells.

Surviving are four nephews and their wives, Steven Lobsiger of LaGrange and Dennis and Wanda Lobsiger, Floyd and Sally Lobsiger and Michael and Beth Lobsiger, all of Bluffton; and five nieces, Lauren Vosburgh and Danette Wallen, both of Wolcottville, Brenda Morgan of Arizona, Dawn Miller of Elkhart and Darien Feick and her husband, Dale, of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a half brother, Ernest Lobsiger, and two stepbrothers, Loren and Herman Lobsiger.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with military rites by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Disabled American Veterans or the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to add a memorial service time.*

Joseph Harshman

ANGOLA — Joseph A. Harshman, 63, of Angola died at his home on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, with his family at his side. He had battled lung cancer for over a year.

Mr. Harshman

Mr. Harshman retired from the Steuben County Sheriff's Department in 2005 after 18 1/2 years of service. He started the work release program for Steuben County and was its supervisor until his retirement.

He was born Oct. 26, 1943, in Huntington, the son of William and Leota (Obenour) Harshman. He graduated from Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1973 and pastored churches in Alabama, Illinois and Indiana.

Surviving are his wife, Janice (Nettleman) Dempsey, two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Rhonda Harshman and Joseph Jr. and Ruth Harshman; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sonja and Jerry Ringham of Evansville, and Sally and Tom Sebert of Chandler; his stepson and daughter-in-law, Mark and Sherrie Dempsey of Pleasant Lake; seven grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; his sisters, Patty Wilson, Carolyn Daily, Janice Harshman and Janet Harshman; and his brother, Larry Harshman.

He was preceded in death by a stepson and six brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola. A luncheon will follow the service.

Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association. The Kolcz Funeral Home of Bronson, Mich., is assisting handling the arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.kolcz.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 7, 2007, Wednesday

Shelley Ann Elston

FORT WAYNE — Shelley Ann (Shady) Elston, 42, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Shelley Elston

She was a self-employed Mary Kay Skin Care Consultant and had been employed by Tom's Donuts in Angola.

She was born June 24, 1965, in Angola, the daughter of Robert and Karen (Goodhew) Elston.

Surviving are two daughters, Misty Clark of Auburn and Amanda Shady of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law James Roark III and Alecia Roark of Avilla and Robert High of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Trevor Roark, Kaylea, Lucian and Izzak Bruggner; her companion, Dave Richison of Fort Wayne; her mother and stepfather, Karen and Thomas Halladay of Fremont; her father and stepmother, Robert and Ginny Elston of Angola; five brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jim and Kim Elston of Angola, Wes and Crimson Parrish of Fremont, Bill Elston of Fort Wayne, Todd Hinen of Angola and Chad Hinen of Quincy, Mich.; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Connie and Ed Sholl of Pleasant Lake, Cheri King of Chicago and Julie and Jon Slate of Woodburn.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. Friday in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with Pastor Randy VanDyne officiating. Burial will follow in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shelley Ann Elston Memorial Fund, c/o First Federal Savings Bank of Angola, 212 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent and a guest register may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Jerry Conley

KENDALLVILLE — Jerry Conley, 55, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007, at his rural home.

Mr. Conley

Mr. Conley had been employed as a forklift driver for 37 years at Dalton Foundry in Kendallville.

He built and raced drag cars and had built engines for circle track race cars since he was a teenager. He was an avid Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr. fan.

Mr. Conley loved to spend time with his children and children of all ages.

He was born in Garrett on July 4, 1952, to Bennie and Dorothy (Handshoe) Conley. He married Clidia Green on March 31, 1972, in Kendallville and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Chad Conley of Kendallville; a daughter, Sondra Conley, and her boyfriend, Shaun Hagerty, both of Kendallville; a grandson, Trenton Hagerty of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and Latesa Conley of Kendallville; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Elizabeth and Nick Weber of Avilla, Mary and Daryl Mitchell of LaOtto and Barb Bowman of LaOtto.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with Pastor Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Pallbearers will be Ben Gaerte, Shaun Hagerty, Gary Long, Nick Weber, Scott Green, Kevin Grigsby, Ronnie Miller and Lonnie Conley.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

View a video tribute (after Thursday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Harold Connelly

LAGRANGE — Harold J. Connelly, 90, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

THE NEWS SUN
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Melvin Sharp

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Melvin L. Sharp, 92, formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at the Hillsdale (Mich.) Community Health Center.

Mr. Sharp was retired from the Crotty Corporation in Quincy, Mich.

He was an avid gardener.

He was born Oct. 17, 1915, in Williams County, Ohio, to Willard and Ethel (Moore) Sharp. They both preceded him in death. He married Bessie Traxler, his wife of 72 years, on Feb. 12, 1935. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Bonnie and Robert Holloway of Reading, Mich., Jane and Dayton Neeley of Montgomery, and Vickie Lou McNeal of Springfield, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry Sharp of Montgomery, and Danny and Vicki Sharp of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Bertha and Harold Dunbar of Hillsdale; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Leon and Evelyn Sharp of Bankers, Mich., and Donald and Rosemary Sharp of White Cloud, Mich.; 21 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, two sons, a brother, three sisters, and a half-brother.

Services were Tuesday at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, with the Rev. Josh Cook officiating. Burial was in Camden Cemetery in Camden, Mich.

Memorials are to the Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility, where Melvin and Bessie have resided the last two years.

M. Charlotte Baden

BRYAN, Ohio — M. Charlotte Baden, 92, of Bryan, Ohio, died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, at Community Hospitals of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Baden worked at the Community Bank of Napoleon for 16 years and then at Dinner Bell Foods for 22 years before retiring.

Surviving are her husband, Albert W. Baden; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and Robert Alberston of Defiance, Ohio, Susan and William Essman of Angola and Julie and Gregory Siebert of Defiance, Ohio; one son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Janet Baden of Sherwood, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two nieces; and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter, Mary Olga, a sister, Harriett Brubaker and a stepsister, Virginia Deblin.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, 860 W. Mulberry St., Bryan, Ohio, with the Rev. Richard Carse officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Williams County.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralszervice.com.

A. Lucille Steffan Forbes

ANGOLA — A. Lucille Steffan Forbes, 95, of Angola, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, in Angola.

Mrs. Steffan Forbes had been a realtor at Ralph J. Steffan Real Estate and a bookkeeper at the Steuben County Credit Bureau.

She was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church and Business and Professional Women.

She was born Dec. 16, 1911, in La Rue, Ohio, to Vernon and Golda (Kemper) Lauer, who both preceded her in death. She was married to Ralph J. Stefffan and Richard Forbes, who both also preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles Bailey of Colorado Springs, Colo., William Bailey of Carlsborg, Wash., and Robert and Dottie Steffan of Angola; a stepson and his wife, Gary and Marilyn Forbes of Lafayette; a stepdaughter and her husband, Konita and Tomas Daugherty of Greenwood; a sister, Hester Irwin of Marion, Ohio; four grandchildren and their spouses, Robert and Paula Bailey, James and Lori Bailey, Brent and April Bailey, and Robert Jr. and Sarah Steffan; six step-grandchildren, Randy, Rick, Rodney, Stefanie and Shannon; and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Doris Price.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fremont United Methodist Church and Cameron Hospice.

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Priscilla Thornton

LAKELAND, Fla. — Priscilla A. Thornton, 59, of Angola died Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at her home in Lakeland, Fla.

She was born Feb. 17, 1948, to Walker and Ellen (Huttman) Thornton, who both preceded her in death.

She is survived by her nieces and spouses, Veronica and Steve Hutchinson and family, Rita Bennett and family, and Judy Fifer and family; and a nephew, Robert Bennett and family, all of Florida.

Services were Sunday in Florida. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton.

Local arrangements are by H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home of Angola.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 7, 2007, Wednesday

Mary Kathryn Reidenbach, 84

WAWAKA – Mary Kathryn Reidenbach, age 84, of Wawaka, died on Thursday, November 1, 2007 when she was struck by a car while walking in her neighborhood at her winter home in Tavares, Florida.

Mrs. Reidenbach was born in Cromwell, Indiana on October 27, 1923 to B. Ray and Mildred Maude (Fitzpatrick) Miller and graduated from Cromwell High School in 1941.

She married Jack Edward Reidenbach on October 8, 1944 at the Lutheran Church in Cromwell.

Mary was primarily a homemaker, raising her four children. She also operated a ceramic business out of her home. In earlier days, she worked for her parents at Laur's Restaurant in Ligonier and after her children were in school, she was employed with Uniform Printing in Kendallville.

Mrs. Reidenbach was a member of the Wawaka Church of the Brethren, the Red Hat Society both in Noble County and in Florida, the Noble County Gas and Steam Association and was a director of the Indiana Farm Bureau for many years.

She and Jack were members of the 500 Card Club in Noble County for 63 years. Today, the club still has its original members.

Her grandchildren were her biggest fans and Mary handmade each of them quilts when they graduated from high school and when each great grandchild was born she made them crib quilts.

Mary and Jack enjoyed their many winters together in Florida and one of her favorite pastimes was tending to her garden and flower beds.

Survivors include: her husband of 63 years, Jack Reidenbach of Wawaka, two daughters and a son-in-law, Vicki and Michael Kuker of Fort Wayne, Peggy Bricker of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Philip R. Reidenbach of Wolcottville, and John and Lynn Reidenbach of Wawaka; thirteen grandchildren: Amy and James Gonzagowski of Fort Wayne, Angela and Gregory Samels of Fort Wayne, Tonya Antonides of Auburn, Troy and Nicole Antonides of Kendallville, Tara and Todd Smith of Indianapolis, Jill and Mike Becker of Albion, Philip Jack and Kim Reidenbach of Cromwell, Christi Plank of Cromwell, Emily and Adam Tomlinson of Ligonier, Jackie and Tony Wilson of Columbus, Ohio, Jennifer and Mike Bentley of Ligonier, Seth Reidenbach and Sam Reidenbach both of Wawaka; thirteen great grandchildren; two brothers, Bob and Alice Miller of Attica, Ohio, and Alan and Millie Miller of Pierceton, Indiana; a sister, Doris Gene and James Campbell of Humble, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandson, Aaron Reidenbach in 1986.

Funeral Services were at the Wawaka Church of the Brethren with Rev. Verne Leininger officiating.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Wawaka Church of the Brethren or the Noble County Democratic Scholarship Fund.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 7, 2007, Wednesday

Larry Wayne Donley, 64

FORT WAYNE – Larry Wayne Donley, 64, passed away Friday, November 2, 2007 at Parkview Hospital.

Born at home on October 21, 1943, he was the son of Kenneth Donley who preceded him in death.

He wore many hats in life: dairy farmer, National Guardsman, square dancer, carpenter, world traveler and active Bethany United Methodist Church member.

He is survived by his wife of 39 short years, Marna (Schlotterback); three children, Alicia (Randel) Straka, Amy Donley and Curtis (Dusanka) Donley; four grandchildren that were his pride and joy; Jakob and Aidan Straka and Danijela and Sasa Donley. He is also survived by his brother, Carl (Charleen) Donley, brother-in-law, Frederick (Kathy) Schlotterback and their families.

Larry was an exceptional Euchre player and gardener, loved antiques, auctions and was a big fan of I.U. basketball. He never knew a stranger and will be missed by more family and friends than he could count from all over the country.

Services were held November 6, 2007 at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd. Good friend and pastor, John Smith officiated.

Internment took place at Orange Township Cemetery, Noble County.

Memorials to Bethany United Methodist Church.

Charles A. Sample, 50

ALBION – Charles A. Sample, 50, a resident of Bear Lake, died Friday morning, November 2, 2007 at his home.

He was born July 10, 1957 in Detroit, Michigan a son of Chester Alvin and Mildred Marie (Mitchell) Sample. In 1972 his family moved to Washington Township, Whitley County. He completed his education at Columbia City Joint High School.

A factory worker, he has made his home at Bear Lake for more than 20 years.

On April 13, 1992 he was united in marriage to Lori A. Morris.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Lori; four children, Heather Sample of Fort Wayne, Carl Sample of Elkhart, Kimberly Chaney Sample of Fort Wayne and Christopher Sample of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Sandy Peters of Columbia City and Patricia Pontzius of South Whitley.

There will be no visitation or service. Burial will take place at a later date at Nolt Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the final expense account at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 7, 2007, Wednesday

This obituary is being reprinted at the request of the family to include additiional information.

M. Joan Voirol, 80

ALBION — M. Joan Voirol, 80, of Albion died at 12:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient one day.

Mrs. Voirol was a homemaker and 1945 graduate of Albion High School.

She was a member of Albion Presbyterian Church, Albion American Legion Auxiliary and a former member of the Eagles Lodge.

Mrs. Voirol enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs and Bulls and loved to read and knit. At one time she enjoyed boating and skiing.

She also enjoyed spending the winter months in Florida.

She was born July 7, 1927, in Kendallville to Henry Clay and Alice Josephine (Eagles) Curtis. She married Robert “Bob” Voirol on Jan. 9, 1949, in Covington, Ky. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Corinne and Galen Gillenwater and Roberta and Grant Merriman, all of Albion; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road, with the Rev. Bret Frymier officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Active pallbearers were Jeff Gillenwater, Mike Merriman, Melissa Voirol, Brandon Kimmell, Sandy Sell, Aaron Sell, Keith Gillenwater and Blake Vanover. Honorary pallbearers were Audra Kimmell, Brooke Sell and Mariah Sell.

Memorials are to North Ridge Village Nursing Home.

Donna Jean Vosteen, 60

LIGONIER – Donna Jean Vosteen, 60, of Ligonier died Monday, November 5, 2007 at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen after being diagnosed with cancer in February of this year.

She was born Donna Jean Reed on July 15, 1947 in Wolf Lake, and was the daughter of Donald and Naola (Kimmel) Reed. On September 1, 1984 she married Mike Vosteen in Ligonier. She was a lifetime area resident, and was involved in many things, such as the Red Hat Society, and a member of Ligonier Church of Christ. She was a very social person and was very good at making friends. She also enjoyed helping others.

Later in life, after her children were raised she went back to school and received her Master's degree in business administration from Indiana Weslyan University, and also attended the University of St. Francis. She was employed by Noble County ARC for 32 years, and has been the Executive Director since 1997.

Surviving are her husband, Mike Vosteen of Ligonier; two sons, Eric and Jacqueline Hanshew of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Erik Vosteen of Noble County; two grandchildren, Zoe and Alexis Hanshew; Her mother, Naola Reed, of Ligonier; A brother, Alan and Sherie Reed of Columbus, Indiana; and a sister, Loretta Funk of Savannah, Georgia.

She was preceeded in death by her father, Donald Reed, on December 21, 2006.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 11:00 AM at Ligonier Church of Christ with Pastor Mel Harrell officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 2-8 PM at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. Calling is also one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Memorials may be made to Noble County ARC.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 7, 2007, Wednesday

Roger Hossler, 61

LARWILL — Roger L. Hossler, 61, of Larwill died at 5:55 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had lived near Larwill for the past 22 years.

Mr. Hossler was a former member of the Larwill Lions Club and the Pierceton American Legion Post.

His formative years were spent in Pierceton where he was educated at Pierceton High School. After completing his education, he began working at Weatherhead Co. in Columbia City. In October 1966, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea. Following his discharge from military duty, he returned to his job and retired from Dana-Weatherhead with 33 years of service. In April 1998, he started working at Reelcraft Co. in Columbia City where he was currently employed.

He was born on Feb. 11, 1946, in Kosciusko County to Worth and Mable (Fruit) Hossler. On Oct. 23, 1965, he married Sandra J. Reid. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim and Pam Hossler of Kimmell and Dennis Hossler of South Whitley; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Garry Rumsey of Ligonier; six grandchildren; a sister, Colleen Ridenour of Warsaw; and a brother, Larry Hossler of Wolf Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ralph Hossler.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Pastor Dale Moser officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery at Larwill with military honors by Whitley County war veterans.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 8, 2007, Thursday

Vera Johnson

OSSIAN — Vera Margaret Johnson, 73, of Ossian died Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker.

She played saxophone, clarinet and piano and was a member of the Geels Family Band and the Johnson Family Band.

Mrs. Johnson was the choir director at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She was born March 3, 1934.

Surviving are her husband, Eugene J. Johnson of Ossian; five sons, Richard Johnson and Nancy Neary of Demotte, Gary and Gwen Johnson of Rochester, Mich., Terry and Mary Johnson of Fort Wayne, Thomas and Susan Johnson of Albion and Mark Johnson of Knoxville, Ind.; a daughter, Linda Adams of Austin, Texas; two sisters, Carol Geels of Madison, Wis., and Dolly Ehinger of New Haven; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Geels; her mother, Agnes Rumschlag; a son, Steven Johnson; a sister, Naomi Alles; and a brother, Carl Geels.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Therese Catholic Church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to St. Therese Catholic Church or Masses.

Harold Connelly

LAGRANGE — Harold J. Connelly, 90, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Connelly

Mr. Connelly was a retired farmer and newspaper publisher for the Eastern Colorado Plainsman in Hugo, Colo., and the Eden Echo in Eden, Texas.

A native of LaGrange, he moved from LaGrange to Hugo, Colo., in 1964 where he lived until 1970. He then moved to Eden, Texas, where he lived from 1970 to 2001 when he moved back to LaGrange.

He was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange, the Farm Bureau and the Lions Club in Eden.

Mr. Connelly was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born on May 1, 1917, in LaGrange to Floyd and Eva (Todd) Connelly. On June 3, 1937, he married Ruth I. Beaty in LaGrange and she survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and sons-in-law, Evelyn and Gary Soblotne of LaGrange, Marilyn and James Poss of Noblesville, Carolyn and Robert Hlozek of The Woodlands, Texas, Janet and Lynn Lubke of Iowa Park, Texas, Jackie and David Zarate of Carrollton, Texas, and Elaine and Richard Jones-Zach of Tampa, Fla.; three sons and daughters-in-law, William and Charlette Connelly and Allen and Becky Connelly, all of LaGrange, and James and Cindy Connelly of Greeley, Colo.; 19 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one stepgreat-great-grandchild; and a brother and sister-in-law, Arnold and Lila Connelly of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, three granddaughters, two stepgranddaughters and one stepgrandson.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. James Elsner officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church or LaGrange County Parks Department.

Condolences are to www.-fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 8, 2007, Thursday

Lois Fetzer

HAMILTON — Lois M. Fetzer, 80, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at her home.

Born in Hicksville, Ohio, she was the owner of Fetzer's Bakery in Auburn and Hamilton for 60 years. She graduated from Hicksville High School.

Surviving are a daughter, Marsha Peter of Hicksville, and nine grandchildren, Steve Yontz of Hagentown, Craig Hennessey of Fort Wayne, Rodney Cool of Hamilton, Scott Hennessey of Waterloo, Max Fetzer of Auburn, Heather Thorndyke of Tennessee, Brian Hennessey of Fort Wayne, and Stephen Fetzer and Austin Fetzer, both of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Max Fetzer; two sisters, Francis Chomer and Mary J. Richards; and three children, Cathie Baker, Rebecca Cool and Max S. Fetzer.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St. Auburn. Jeff Alexander will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery near Harlan.

Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Wanita Albertson

Mrs. Albertson

AVILLA — Wanita M. Albertson, 84, of Avilla and formerly of Butler died peacefully Wednesday morning, Nov. 7, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born Aug. 28, 1923, in LaOtto to Charley and Bessie (Pepple) Hoff.

She married Charles "Tiny" Albertson on Dec. 24, 1942, in Auburn. He died May 16, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Bill Smith of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kate Truelove of LaOtto; seven grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Charley; a daughter, Darlene Schortgen; and two sisters, Emma Jean Offered and Myrtle Barret.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. There will be no other services or calling.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Fern Flood

Mrs. Flood

FORT WAYNE — Fern E. Flood, 89, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn died Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Flood was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 15, 1918, in Elkhart to Ed and Viola (Ordway) Hartranft.

She was married to Allen L. Flood for more than 43 years. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul E. and Karen Dwyer of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith M. and Edwin Thomas of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Irene Worman, Norma Jean Airgood and Ann Metzler, all of Bradenton, Fla.; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Baruch Dwyer.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Leon Schuler

ANGOLA — Leon Andrew "Lee" Schuler, 70, of Angola and formerly of Plymouth died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schuler

Mr. Schuler retired in 2005 after serving as a welder at Vestil Manufacturing. He had previously served in the Air Force, serving in both Korea and Vietnam. He had also previously driven semi-trucks, been an iron worker in Gary, and worked as Sellers Manufacturing and Plymouth White Metals, both of Plymouth.

He was a member of Ironworkers Local No. 395. He enjoyed coaching sports, horses, reading, metal crafting, telling humorous stories and attending sports events. He was a devoted and providing father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and his family was always his top priority. He had a caring heart, a strong mind, and was always willing to help others.

He was born Nov. 11, 1936, in Boston, to Andrew and Virginia (Canning) Schuler, both of whom preceded him in death. He married Arlene Tarchala on Nov. 20, 1965. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Douglas and Pam Schuler of Warsaw, Shawn and Jenny Schuler of Rochester, Craig Schuler of Plymouth, and Chris Schuler of Angola; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Becky and Ron Brehmer of Crown Point, Laura Larimore of Portage, and Rhonda and Billy Wellsandt of Post Falls, Idaho; 20 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by foster parents George and Edna Hood; and three granddaughters.

Services will be Monday at noon at SonLight Community Church in Angola, with the Revs. John Willoughby and Jay Rhodes officiating.

Memorials are to the family, care of Chris Schuler.

Jasmyn Butler

ALBION — Jasmyn Danielle Butler, infant daughter of Benjamin E. and Stacey D. (Hill) Butler, was stillborn Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007.

Surviving with her parents are a twin brother, Zachery E. Butler; grandparents, Ralph and Patricia Butler of Albion and Richard and Diane Hill of Columbia City; and great-grandparents, John Flory of Albion and Cora Dean Hively of Columbia City.

Private graveside services at Thorn Cemetery at Ormas will be held.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Services were held Tuesday for Mary K. Reidenbach

WAWAKA — Mary Kathryn Reidenbach, 84, of Wawaka died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007, after being struck by a vehicle while walking in her neighborhood at her winter home in Tavares, Fla.

Mrs. Reidenbach worked for her parents at Laur's Restaurant in Ligonier and at Uniform Printing in Kendallville. She was later primarily a homemaker, raising her four children, and she also operated a ceramic business out of her home.

Mrs. Reidenbach

A Cromwell High School graduate of 1941, she was a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren, the Red Hat Society in both Noble County and Florida, and the Noble County Gas and Steam Association. She was also a 63-year member of the 500 Card Club in Noble County and was director of the Indiana Farm Bureau for many years.

Her grandchildren were her biggest fans and she handmade each of them quilts when they graduated from high school. When each great-grandchild was born, she made crib quilts for them.

Along with her husband, she enjoyed the many winters she spent in Florida. One of her favorite pastimes was tending to her garden and flower beds.

She was born in Cromwell on Oct. 27, 1923, to B. Ray and Mildred Maude (Fitzpatrick) Miller. She married Jack Edward Reidenbach on Oct. 8, 1944, at the Lutheran Church in Cromwell. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Vicki and Michael Kuker of Fort Wayne and Peggy Bricker of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Philip R. Reidenbach of Wolcottville and John and Lynn Reidenbach of Wawaka; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Alice Miller of Attica, Ohio, and Alan and Millie Miler of Pierceton; a sister and brother-in-law, Doris Gene and James Campbell of Humble, Texas; 13 grandchildren, Amy and James Gonzagowski of Fort Wayne, Angela and Gregory Samels of Fort Wayne, Tonya Antonides of Auburn, Troy and Nichole Antonides of Kendallville, Tara and Todd Smith of Indianapolis, Jill and Mike Becker of Albion, Philip Jack and Kim Reidenbach and Christi Plank, all of Cromwell, Emily and Adam Tomlinson of Ligonier, Jackie and Tony Wilson of Columbus, Ohio, Jennifer and Mike Bentley of Ligonier, and Seth Reidenbach and Sam Reidenbach, both of Wawaka; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Aaron Reidenbach in 1986.

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Services were Tuesday at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Verne Leininger officiating. Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling was Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Wawaka Church of the Brethren or the Noble County Democratic Scholarship Fund.

A video tribute may be viewed at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Donna Vosteen

LIGONIER — Donna Jean Vosteen, 60, of Ligonier died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen after being diagnosed with cancer in February.

Mrs. Vosteen was a lifetime area resident.

She had been employed by Noble County ARC for 32 years and had been its executive director since 1997.

Mrs. Vosteen

She was involved in the Red Hat Society and was a member of Ligonier Church of Christ.

Mrs. Vosteen was very good at making friends and enjoyed helping others.

After her children were raised, she went back to school and received her master's degree in business administration from Indiana Wesleyan University and also attended the University of Saint Francis.

She was born on July 15, 1947, in Wolf Lake to Donald and Naola (Kimmel) Reed. On Sept. 1, 1984, she married Mike Vosteen in Ligonier. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Eric and Jacqueline Hanshew of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Erik Vosteen of Noble County; two grandchildren, Zoe, and Alexis Hanshew; her mother, Naola Reed of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Sherie Reed of Columbus, Ind.; and a sister, Loretta Funk of Savannah, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Reed, on Dec. 21, 2006.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ligonier Church of Christ with Pastor Mel Harrell officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Noble County ARC.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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November 8, 2007, Thursday

Roger Hossler

LARWILL — Roger L. Hossler, 61, of Larwill died at 5:55 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had lived near Larwill for the past 22 years.

Mr. Hossler was a former member of the Larwill Lions Club and the Pierceton American Legion Post.

His formative years were spent in Pierceton where he was educated at Pierceton High School. After completing his education, he began working at Weatherhead Co. in Columbia City. In October 1966, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea. Following his discharge from military duty, he returned to his job and retired from Dana-Weatherhead with 33 years of service. In April 1998, he started working at Reelcraft Co. in Columbia City where he was currently employed.

He was born on Feb. 11, 1946, in Kosciusko County to Worth and Mable (Fruit) Hossler. On Oct. 23, 1965, he married Sandra J. Reid. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim and Pam Hossler of Kimmell and Dennis Hossler of South Whitley; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Garry Rumsey of Ligonier; six grandchildren; a sister, Colleen Ridenour of Warsaw; and a brother, Larry Hossler of Wolf Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ralph Hossler.

Services were at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Pastor Dale Moser officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery at Larwill with military honors by Whitley County war veterans.

Calling was Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department.

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Beverly Litzau

SPRING CITY, Tenn. — Beverly G. Litzau, 72, of Spring City, Tenn., and formerly of Fremont died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007, at her home following a short battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Litzau; two daughters; one son; four stepchildren; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Tennessee earlier this week.

Faith Shank

ANGOLA — Faith M. Shank, 98, died Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Shank had been a social worker and held positions in the mental health field most of her adult life.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree in social administration from Ohio State University and did graduate work at the University of Chicago. She also worked at the Family Service Bureau in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shank was interested in peace work, the environment, gardening and sewing. She was a lifelong member of the Society of Friends.

She was born May 14, 1909, east of Waynesville, Ohio, to Alva Curtis and Ruth Anna (Underwood) Tomlinson. She married Leland Ray Shank July 25, 1940, in Wilmington, Ohio. He preceded her in death on June 6, 1991.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruth Ava Wiesehahn of Greenport, N.Y., and Sandra Lee Moyer of Fremont; three grandchildren, Thaddeus Robert Wiesehahn of Kingston, Mass., John Leland Moyer of Bloomington and Sarah Kathryn Moyer of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and one great-granddaughter, Catherine Jewel Wiesehahn.

Mrs. Shank was preceded in death by her parents; a brother; and a sister.

A memorial service will be July 27, 2008, at the Friends Meeting House in Waynesville, Ohio. Mrs. Shank bequeathed her body to the University of Cincinnati Medical School, where her grandfather graduated.

Memorials are to Miami Monthly Meeting, Waynesville, Ohio, in care of Milton Cook, clerk.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola was in charge of arrangements.

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Donna Cook

PLEASANT LAKE — Donna M. Cook, 64, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a nurses aide at nursing homes and group homes.

In Pleasant Lake on Oct. 28, 1943, she was born to Bertram and Thelma (Butts) Coe.

Surviving are three sons, Lynn Cook of Midland, Mich., Gene Cook of Pleasant Lake, and Steven Cook of Angola; seven grandchildren; and a niece, Marilyn Puckett of Auburn.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

David Dickerson

ANGOLA — Daniel Lee Dickerson of Angola was stillborn Thursday at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

He was born to Christopher Dickerson and Jennifer Thomas of Angola.

Surviving in addition to his parents are a sister, Dominique Grady of Angola; a brother, DeVonte Dickerson of Angola; three uncles and an aunt, Matthew and Brianna Thomas, William Thomas and Kristin Thomas, all of Angola; cousins Abrihannah and Olivia Thomas, both of Angola; grandparents, Dennis Thomas and Kathleen Thomas, both of Angola, and Deborah Daniel, Fort Wayne; and a great-grandmother, Dorothy Rooney, Sioux City, Iowa.

A private family service will be held.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Luella Rathbun

Mrs. Rathbun

COLDWATER, Mich. — Luella K. Rathbun, 91, of Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, at Community Hospital of Branch County, Coldwater, Mich.

She retired in 1975 as a data processing supervisor at Federal Mogul Co., Coldwater, after 28 years of employment.

She was a Fremont High School graduate and past president of the Business Women's Association of Coldwater.

Mrs. Rathbun spent many winters in Naples, Fla., and her hobbies included doing ceramics, sewing and computers.

In Steuben County on March 17, 1916, she was born to Ira and Lulu (Nettleman) Carr. She married Harold L. Rathbun on Sept. 9, 1936, in Steuben County. He survives.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a daughter and son-in-law, Rosalee and Roger Bater of Coldwater; a grandson and his spouse, Scott and Stacey Hodge of Coldwater; two sisters, Flora DeVolder and Shirley Hacker; a brother, Chub Carr; two great-granddaughters, Challyn and Brianne Hodge; four stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Virginia and Bruce Richards, Douglas and Pam Reed, Julia and Larry Fox and Teresa and Tim Riegling; 10 stepgreat-granchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two sisters, Metice Hickman Hall and Leona Hacker; and three brothers, John, Henry and Harry Carr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial wll be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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A quiet man with a resounding impact

BY JIM SHILANDER
jims@kpcnews.net

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Stabe may have seemed quiet, even strict, his wife Betty said, but behind that stoicism was a man who brought more than one person a better life.

Mr. Stabe died at age 95 on Oct. 4 in Fort Wayne after living life as a farmer in both Noble and DeKalb counties, as well as working in the surveyor's office in Noble County.

But it was in helping others, his wife said, that he changed lives.

"He worked for the work-release program ... Those boys, a lot of them, he taught them how to be better," she said.

"He would tell them, you don't even put gum paper by the river bank, you put it in your pocket."

At his 95th birthday party this past March, Mrs. Stabe said, two of "his boys," now older men, knelt beside her husband's wheelchair to tell him, 'Harold, you made a difference in our lives.'"

The biggest difference may have been made in the life of one young man who credits Mr. Stabe with turning him into an American, calling Mr. Stabe "solid as the Rock of Gibraltar."

Fred Roeder immigrated to the United States in 1957 from East Germany. Mr. Stabe had agreed to take Roeder in. Roeder, in an e-mail, said he "became a family member from that first day.'

"I went into what has been called 'culture shock;' a different language, other customs, a different functioning society, but with his proverbial patience Harold went to work on me and step-by-step, he put me on the path of becoming an American," he said. "When I look upon myself today I find that I have 'Harold Stabe' written all over myself; in my value system, in my relationships with other people and how I function in society at large."

Mr. Stabe

Roeder, who was sponsored by the World Council of Churches, credits Mr. Stabe with starting him on a career in surveying, which he eventually took him to New Mexico.

"That showed the dedication and the kind of man Harold was," Mrs. Stabe said. Mr. Stabe was also involved in Democratic politics.

"He was close to Birch and Evan Bayh, and he once attended a luncheon with John F. Kennedy," Mrs. Stabe said.

Betty said her husband always tried to live his lie in a godly way, which he brought to his role as husband and father. He was also involved in collecting cars.

"We won many, many trophies for our cars," she said, which included, a pink 1959 Dodge, a 1962 Chrysler 300, a 1926 letter car, and one of the final Chrysler Imperials. Stabe had worked at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg plant, and had remained active in activities for former employees.

Mr. Stabe's life, his wife said, could be summed up by a favorite passage from Proverbs: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

"He lived by that everyday of his life," Mrs. Stabe said.

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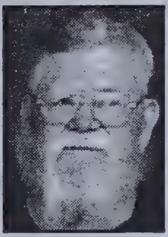
Alfred Days

CORUNNA — Alfred E. Days, 78, of Corunna died Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, at V.A. Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.


Alfred Days

Mr. Days worked for Earl Brindle in LaOtto and also the Truelove Brothers in Albion as a farm implement mechanic since he was in high school. He retired in the early '90s. He also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1952 through 1953.

He was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church in rural Corunna. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion and was a lifetime member of the Garrett V.F.W. He loved working in his garden and doing various things in the yard. He thoroughly enjoyed working on Allis-Chalmers tractors. He loved to watch cartoons and spending countless hours with family and friends.

He was born Nov. 16, 1928, to Edison and Mabel (Grear) Days, who both preceded him in death. He married Ramona Zook on May 9, 1954, in Stroh. She survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilee Days of Garrett, and Marlene and David Gee of Rome City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Duane and Sue Days of LaGrange, and Troy Days of Corunna; nine grandchildren, Tracy Davis, Dalton Gee, Duane Days, Frankie Days, Cynthia Howard, Farin Carmichael, Nicole Days, Michelle Days and Shaun Days; 13 great-grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sally and Doug Cheek of Auburn, and Jackie Smith of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers and eight sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. Diane Barrett officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna. Graveside military services will be conducted by the Garrett American Legion.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, as well as one hour prior to services, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Feller Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

George Robinson Sr.

ALBION. — George Robinson Sr., 75, of Tampa, Fla., formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion, where he had resided the past six months.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Dorothy Tinkle

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy Mae Tinkle, 94, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Tinkle worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

She moved to Sarasota in 1966 following her husband Justin Tinkle's retirement. She grew up in Kendallville, and attended Kendallville High School.

She was born in Swan Township in Noble County on Sept. 6, 1913, to William John and Berniece (Russell) Huff, who both preceded her in death. She married Justin C. Tinkle on Dec. 30, 1939, in Goshen. He also preceded her in death.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Sue Huff of Kendallville; several nieces and nephews, including Cathy Patrick of Caledonia, Mich., and Brad Huff of Prague, Czech Republic; and several cousins, including Jean Schupbach of Bradenton, Fla.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill Huff of Kendallville, and Tony Huff of Brimfield; and a sister, Evelyn Glant of Rome City.

No services are scheduled.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Jane Beisheim

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jane A. Beisheim, 86, of Wolcottville, formerly of Steuben County, died Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Beisheim was a cook at several area restaurants, including Lepley's Steakhouse in Angola.

She was born Jan. 31, 1921, in Pleasant Lake to Samuel and Elsie (Wise) Lepley. Both preceded her in death. Both of her husbands, Tom Gordon and Pete Beisheim, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sisters, Mary Shoup of Angola and Evelyn Nill of Dearfield Beach, Fla.; two grandsons and their spouses, Scott and Grace Lepley of Wolcottville, and Chad and Jennifer Lepley of Hudson; a granddaughter and her spouse, Kelly and John Lambert of Hudson; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack Lepley; and eight brothers and sisters.

Services will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Written by his sister Mary Rogers
In loving memory of my brother, Lance Corporal Jerry E. Metcalf who was killed in a rice paddy in Vietnam on June 15, 1967, time has not erased the emptiness.

As the soldier looked down from the heavens above
down on the earth and the land that he loved
He saw its beautiful mountains, its rivers and streams
the land of opportunity, of freedom and dreams
Then he looked down at the red, white and blue
The flag he defended, being burned by a few
His hear began aching; his eyes filled with tears
Dear God, tell me the reason for the flames and the sneers?
What has happened to my people, where is their pride?
Have they forgotten we carried that flag as we died?
That flag was our symbol of a land free and true
For hundred of years it has carried us through
If there ever was anything for which this country stood
It was the flag that told others our land was free and good
Have you forgotten my mother who cries over my grave?
Or the imprisoned others, so strong and brave?
We fought for our country, many lives for that flag
Yet you dare let them burn it and call it a rag?
We gave the gift of freedom,
unselfishly for you and your own
Are your eyes so blind that this dishonor you condone?
That flag cannot burn, you just can't let it be
Please stop this nonsense and listen to me
Let it fly proudly, please protect it from harm
Let it be unfurled over cities and farms
If you allow it to happen, if you let it burn
You are killing America and the honor thousands
fought proudly to earn
I wish I could be there, I'd try to find a way
But my days with you were taken, so I can only pray
That God will give you guidance and strength to decide,
The flag we died for shall not burn, but fly with
reverence and pride
Submitted by P.F.C. Jay E. Keck

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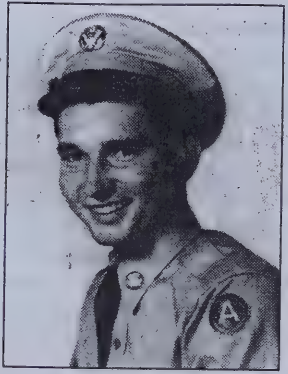

**Corporal
Leonard Shoudel**

US Army

1951-1953/Deceased

A heart of gold stopped beating.
Two shining eyes at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove,
He only takes the best.

Love, Dolores, Jerry, Jeanne & Jim

Sgt. Stephen N. Brown

US Army - Vietnam Veteran

1970-1973/Deceased

We love you and miss you.

Gordon A. Mitchell

Army

WWII Veteran

Gordon inhaled "second hand smoke" from enemy bombs during WWII. He died of emphysema in May 1985.

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November 12, 2007, Monday

Donald Sowles

GARRETT — Donald W. Sowles, 74, of Garrett died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sowles had owned and operated Sowles Welding in rural Garrett since January 1962.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean conflict, serving from 1953-1956 and earning the Navy Presidential Unit Citation, the Korea, National Defense, Marine Corps Good Conduct and United Nations awards, and the Expert Rifleman medal.

Mr. Sowles was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and Disabled American Veterans. He was an avid bird watcher and had a very creative nature and loved to invent things.

He was born May 10, 1933, in Pleasant Lake to Jay and Nina (Collins) Sowles.

On May 27, 1960, in Angola, he married Mary L. Batdorf. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Edward A. and Dawn Sowles of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura E. Boswell of Raleigh, N.C., and Nina M. and Bryan Bosell of Auburn; two grandchildren, Kiel Bosell and Kasey Bosell, both of Auburn; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Nancy Sowles of Albion and Jay Eugene and Judy Sowles and Lloyd and Debbie Sowles, all of Tahlequah, Okla.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Betty Jane and Everett Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Sue and Steve Curtis of LaGrange and Diana Matson of Atlanta, Ga.; and a sister-in-law, Viola Sowles of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Leon Sowles and Dorsey Sowles.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

George Robinson Sr.

ALBION — George Don Robinson Sr., 75, of Albion died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at 7:15 a.m. in North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion, where he had resided the past six months.

Mr. Robinson

Mr. Robinson was a Fort Wayne native and had lived in Tampa, Fla., for 20 years. He and his wife returned to the Albion area in 2005.

He had worked in building maintenance at Wayne Metal in Fort Wayne for 20 years and at North Gate Lincoln Mercury in Tampa for 10 years.

He was born Feb. 22, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Edward and Frieda (Hughes) Robinson. He married Ellen Sills on Feb. 15, 1955, in New Haven. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, George D. Robinson Jr. and Gail Robinson of Melrose, Mass., and William E. and Paula Robinson of Tampa, Fla.; four grandchildren, Jeffery Robinson, Jessica Robinson, Cody Jarrard Robinson and Travis Robinson; a sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Jim Miller of Albion; and a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Mary Robinson of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia House, and two brothers, Fred Robinson and Ted Robinson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Jeffrey Hipley of New Hope Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne. Pallbearers will be George D. Robinson Jr., Brent Romines, Ronald Romines, Verne Romines, Stanley Thomas, Harold Harris Jeffery Robinson and Austin Romines.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Ridge Village Nursing Home, 600 Trail Ridge Road, Albion, IN 46701.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Richard Cassiday

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Levi Cassiday, 66, of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cassiday

Mr. Cassiday had been employed with Dekko Extrusion in Kendallville since 1984.

He was an avid outdoorsman and loved to go deer hunting and fishing. He enjoyed his gun collection, mowing the grass and taking care of his yard.

Mr. Cassiday loved his family, especially his grandchildren, and enjoyed visiting with his neighbors.

He was a member of House of Prayer near Corunna.

Mr. Cassiday served his country in the United States Army from 1958 to 1962 and he spent two years in Germany during peacetime.

He was born in Hastings, Mich., on March 26, 1941, to Clinton Lee and Mary Elizabeth (Green) Cassiday. On May 19, 1962, he married Judy Lou Barbee in Winterhaven, Calif., on May 19, 1962. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his mother, Mary Naylor of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Charlette Cassiday of Auburn and Heather and Jason Gaines of Kendallville; four grandchildren, LaRisa Pickard, Alora Cassiday and Robert Barnes, all of Kendallville, and Shawna Pickard of Auburn; a great-granddaughter, Skyra Kay Likens of Kendallville; a brother, Kenny Cassiday of Kendallville; and a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Paul Carr of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his father; his stepfather, Valentine Naylor; a daughter, LaDona Sawyer in June 2006; a brother, Junior Cassiday; and two sisters, Norma Strunk and Louise Hicks

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

View a video tribute (after Tuesday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Don Cloward

GRABILL — Don H. "Maddog" Cloward, 64, died Saturday morning, Nov. 10, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cloward

Mr. Cloward was a retired engineer for Norfolk Western Railroad and an Army veteran. He loved to collect railroad memorabilia and old cars.

He was born May 11, 1943, in Texas to Don S. and Ruth (Hayes) Cloward.

Surviving are three daughters, Oshel Cloward and Sabrina Wright, both of Berlin Heights, Ohio, and Katie Jane Cloward of Las Vegas, Nev.; a son, Christopher Cloward of Gulf Shores, Ala.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Ricky Alan Cloward, in 1988, and two sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, with the Rev. Retha Martin officiating. Burial will be in Utah.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or Lions SightFirst.

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Roger Woodcock

KENDALLVILLE — Roger G. Woodcock, 89, of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Woodcock had been a railroad conductor for the B&O and CSX railroads for 36 years, retiring in 1976. Following his retirement, he did various stonemason projects around northeast Indiana. Mr. Woodcock was a co-owner of the Fairfield Nursery in DeKalb County.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. He was also a member of the BRT/UTU railroad unions, Garrett American Legion Post No. 178 since 1942, and the Indiana Historical Society.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1936. After high school, Mr. Woodcock went through Officers Candidate School in New Orleans, La., in preparation for the military. Mr. Woodcock served in the United States Army from 1942 until 1946 during World War II. During his military service Mr. Woodcock was awarded the Western Pacific Presidential Citation, the U.S. Bronze Star, and the Philippine Government Star.

He had been a stonemason in the Pokagon State Park Civilian Conservation Corps No. 556 and he was a co-organizer of the first National Civilian Conservation Corps Reunion.

Mr. Woodcock was born on Nov. 4, 1918, in Garrett to Arthur H. and Sarah A. (Morgan-Foster) Woodcock. He married Laura W. Miller on Jan. 7, 1945, in Kendallville at St. John Lutheran Church. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are four sons, Wade, Brian, Raymond and Gary; two daughters, Janice and Brenda; a sister, Patricia; 11 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter and four great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Alfred, Arthur and Ralph; and four sisters; Charlotte, Florence, Edith and Margaret.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. John Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Willene Critney

AUBURN — Willene Critney, 86, of Auburn died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Critney was a homemaker and worked at Essex in Auburn. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and was a Girl Scout leader.

She was born Sept. 21, 1921, in Mishawaka to William and Leola (Miller) Rapp. They preceded her in death.

She married Grant Dale Critney on Nov. 5, 1949, in Warsaw, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Catherine J. and Wayne Kessler of Auburn and Elizabeth A. Treesh of Waterloo; four grandchildren, Timothy Kessler, Bethany Steurer and her husband, Brent, Natasha Treesh and Noah Treesh; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Leatrice Rapp of Milford and Elizabeth Rapp of Englewood, Fla.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin E. Rapp and Donald Rapp.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

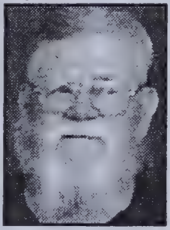
Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional surviving relatives.*

Alfred Days

CORUNNA — Alfred E. Days, 78, of Corunna died Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, at V.A. Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Days

Mr. Days had worked for Earl Brindle in LaOtto and also the Truelove Brothers in Albion as a farm implement mechanic since he was in high school. He retired in the early 1990s. He also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1952 through 1953.

He was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church in rural Corunna. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion and was a lifetime member of the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars. He loved working in his garden and doing various things in the yard. He thoroughly enjoyed working on Allis-Chalmers tractors. He loved to watch cartoons and spending countless hours with family and friends.

He was born Nov. 16, 1928, to Edison and Mabel (Grear) Days, who both preceded him in death. He married Ramona Zook on May 9, 1954, in Stroh. She survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilee Days of Garrett and Marlene and David Gee of Rome City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Duane and Sue Days of LaGrange and Troy Days of Corunna; nine grandchildren, Tracy Davis, Dalton Gee, Duane Days, Frankie Days, Cynthia Howard, Farin Carmody, Nicole Days, Michelle Days and Shaun Days; 13 great-grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sally and Doug Cheek of Auburn and Jackie Smith of Fort Wayne; and three additional brothers-in-law, Carl Stout of LaOtto, Joe Quinonez of Auburn and Herb Donat of Waterloo; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers and eight sisters.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. Diane Barrett officiating. Burial was in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna. Graveside military services were conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Memorials are to Feller Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Alverta Dermott

ST. JOE — Alverta M. Dermott, 84, of St. Joe died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio.

Richard Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Becker, 65, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, at his home.

Among his survivors is his wife, Elaine.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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David Swary

HAMILTON — David A. Swary, 62, of Hamilton died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Swary

Mr. Swary worked at Navistar for 34 years.

He was born Sept. 19, 1945, in Defiance, Ohio, to Paul and Judy (Hale) Swary. He married Dani Clapp on June 15, 1992, in Angola. She survives in Hamilton.

He is also survived by his two daughters, Andrea Syndram of Warsaw, and Paula Swary of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Tyler, Seth and Natalie Syndram of Warsaw, Simone and Aleah Swary of Fort Wayne; his mother, Judy Swary of Hamilton; brother, Dennis and wife Carol Swary of Fremont; and sisters, Linda and husband Mike Carrigan of Destin, Fla. and Shirley and husband Jerry Fee of Auburn.

His father preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, at 11 a.m. in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home and Crematory of Hamilton, with the Rev. Scott Saltsman officiating.

Calling will be held one hour prior to the service and from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions in the name of David A. Swary are requested to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.oberlinford.com.

Dorothy Lewis

LAGRANGE — Dorothy M. Lewis, 74, of LaGrange, formerly of Orland, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Lewis was a homemaker and retired clerk.

She was a graduate of Bronson (Mich.) High School. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She lived most of her life in the Orland area.

She was born Feb. 6, 1933, in Bronson, Mich., to William and Gertrude Laughry, who both preceded her in death. She was married to Frank Lewis, who survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Misty Lewis of LaGrange; and two grandchildren, Jeremy and Stephanie Lewis, both of LaGrange.

Services and calling are both private family services.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation of Indiana.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Ann Lenz

ANGOLA — Ann Lenz, 67, of Angola and formerly of Carmel died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007, at her home on Lake James.

Mrs. Lenz

Mrs. Lenz had worked as an office manager for Dr. John Rufatto before retiring to concentrate on her family life.

She was a member of the Trader's Point Christian Church in Indianapolis, and attended both Son Light Church and Fairview Missionary Church since living in Angola. She was entitled to be a Daughter of the American Revolution. She graduated from North Central High School and Harry E. Wood Dental Assisting School, both of Indianapolis.

She was born on Oct. 20, 1940, in Indianapolis to Theodore and Virginia Grosskopf, who both preceded her in death. She married George Lenz Jr. on June 28, 1959, at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Debbie Lenz of Wadsworth, Ill., three daughters and a son-in-law, Susan Reese of Angola, Lorraine and Edward Williams of Westerville, Ohio, and Karen Lenz of Angola; and six grandchildren, Amy Lynn Jones, Jordan, Braden and Mason Lenz, and Drew and Brittany Williams.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, with the Rev. Norm Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be an hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Association for lung cancer research.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to gclenzjr@mchsi.com.

Richard Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Richard W. Becker, 65, of rural Kendallville died unexpectedly on Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Becker

Mr. Becker had worked as a foreman for both Redman Manufacturing in Topeka and Jayco in Middlebury.

He graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1960.

Mr. Becker loved to work with all kinds of wood. He built his home and many different types of furniture. Mr. Becker also loved to spend time with his family and grandchildren.

Mr. Becker was born in Kendallville on Aug. 6, 1942, to Robert B. and Josephine O. (Kline) Becker. He married Elaine A. McKissack-Treft on May 8, 1989, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Shantel Treft of Kendallville and Randy Becker of Indiana; two daughters and a son-in-law, Renee Treft of Kendallville and Michelle and Shawn Meaker of Texas; seven grandchildren, Corey Treft of Indiana, Trinity Treft of Kendallville, Tim Branham of Washington, D.C., Gary W. Cooley of Fort Wayne, April Magnus of Ligonier, Joey Cullender of Texas and Amanda Meaker of Texas; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Bobby Jo Becker of Wolcottville and Ron and Mary Becker of Kendallville; and his first wife, Georgiana Becker of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Richard Becker Jr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Becker family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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James Heether Jr.

FREMONT — James H. Heether Jr., 79, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007, at his home on Lake James.

Mr. Heether was a granite broker, owning and operating his own business, Heether Granite Sales. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Nov. 17, 1927, in Columbia, Mo., to the James H. and Mary Francis (Dawes) Heether. They preceded him in death.

He married Helen Halstead on July 30, 1945, in Iowa City, Iowa, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, James L. Heether of Battle Creek, Mich., Michael H. Heether of Canyon City, Colo., and Mark L. Heether of Fremont; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Greg Herkemhine of Waterloo; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 6 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Entombment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Memorial Hospice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional survivors.*

Donna Cook

PLEASANT LAKE — Donna M. Cook, 64, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a nurses aide at nursing homes and group homes.

In Pleasant Lake on Oct. 28, 1943, she was born to Bertram and Thelma (Butts) Coe. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lynn and Michelle Cook of Midland, Mich., Gene and Dawn Cook of Pleasant Lake, and Steven and Kim Cook of Angola; seven grandchildren; three nieces, Marilyn Puckett and Colleen Jones of Auburn, and Darla Fuller of Kendallville; and a nephew, Don Morningstar of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Lois M. Puckett.

Graveside services were at Monday at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Steven Hassinger

SILVER LAKE — Former East Noble School Corp. teacher Steven Edward Hassinger, 58, of Silver Lake died at 4 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007, at his home from complications of bone marrow cancer.

Mr. Hassinger

Mr. Hassinger was currently a teacher at Leesburg Elementary School in the Warsaw Community School Corp. He had served as a teacher and administrator in several school systems during his 34-year career.

Mr. Hassinger had lived in Silver Lake the past 10 years.

He was born Oct. 2, 1949, in Kendallville to Glen and Hermonia Hassinger. He was a graduate of Lakeland High School. His father survives in Arizona and his mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his wife of 15 years, Jacqueline (Hartman) Hassinger of Silver Lake; six children, Andrew, Brian, John, Joanna, Abigail and Allison; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Nancy Jordan of Wolcottville.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church at Woodruff with Pastor Brad Garrett officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

A wake will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the church.

At Mr. Hassinger's request, his body was donated to the Indiana University Anatomical Education Program for cancer research.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Miles for Myeloma, 535 Barnhill Drive, Room 455, Indianapolis, IN 46202, attention Elizabeth Parsons; Leesburg Elementary School, P.O. Box 247, Leesburg, IN 46538; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Carolyn Elza

LIGONIER — Carolyn Ann Elza, 67, of rural Ligonier died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend with her son, Gene, at her bedside.

Mrs. Elza

Mrs. Elza had been employed at Union International Products in Cromwell, retiring in 2001 after 20 years of service.

She enjoyed reading, gardening, tending her flower beds and loved horses. She was also known to enjoy the simple pleasures of beautiful sunsets and laughter.

Mrs. Elza was born on March 17, 1940, in Illinois to Eugene and Bernice Read. She married Willie Elza in April 1958. He died in January 2007.

Surviving are a son, Gene Elza of rural Ligonier, and a grandson, Jesse of Ligonier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at J. A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Alverta Dermott

ST. JOE — Alverta M. Dermott, 84, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a graduate of Rensselaer High School and the International Business College in Fort Wayne. She was employed at The Vogue clothing store as a bookkeeper.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, Ohio, the Rosary & Altar Society and the American Sewing Guild.

She was born Aug. 29, 1923, at Rensselaer to Tom and Hazel Cain.

On Aug. 30, 1952, she married Marion Dermott. He died in 1967.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Victor and Madeleine of Yorkville, Ill., and Terrence and Kanya of St. Joe; three granddaughters, Bernadette, Eilleen and Theresa Dermott; and one brother, Dennis Cain of Los Angeles.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters.

Services will be at St. Augustine Catholic Church of Rensselaer at 2:30 p.m. Thursday with Father Jim Miller officiating. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery of Rensselaer.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Additional calling will be at Jackson Funeral Chapel, 250 N. McKinley St., Rensselaer, from 1-2 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

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Vera Margaret Johnson, 73

OSSIAN — Vera Margaret Johnson, 73, of Ossian died Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker.

She played saxophone, clarinet and piano and was a member of the Geels Family Band and the Johnson Family Band.

Mrs. Johnson was the choir director at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She was born March 3, 1934.

Surviving are her husband, Eugene J. Johnson of Ossian; five sons, Richard Johnson and Nancy (Neary) Johnson of Demotte, Gary and Gwen Johnson of Rochester, Mich., Terry and Mary Johnson of Fort Wayne, Thomas and Susan Johnson of Albion and Mark Johnson of Knoxville, Ind.; a daughter, Linda Adams of Austin, Texas; two sisters, Carol Geels of Madison, Wis., and Dolly Ehinger of New Haven; seventeen grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Geels; her mother, Agnes Rumschlag; a son, Steven Johnson; a sister, Naomi Alles; and a brother, Carl Geels.

Jerry Conley, 55

KENDALLVILLE – Jerry Conley, age 55, of Kendallville, passed away on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at his rural home.

Jasmyn Danielle Bulter, infant

ALBION — Jasmyn Danielle Butler, infant daughter of Benjamin E. and Stacey D. (Hill) Butler, was stillborn Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007.

Surviving with her parents are a twin brother, Zachery E. Butler; grandparents, Ralph and Patricia Butler of Albion and Richard and Diane Hill of Columbia City; and great-grandparents, John Flory of Albion and Cora Dean Hively of Columbia City.

Private graveside services at Thorn Cemetery at Ormas will be held.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.co

Services were at St. Therese Catholic Church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Therese Catholic Church or Masses.

Mr. Conley was born in Garrett, Indiana on July 4, 1952 to Bennie and Dorothy (Handshoe) Conley.

He married Clidia Green on March 31, 1972 in Kendallville and she survives.

He was employed as a fork lift driver for 37 years at Dalton Foundry in Kendallville.

Mr. Conley built and raced drag cars and built the engines for circle track cars since he was a teenager. He was an avid Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr. fan. He loved to spend time with his kids and children of all ages.

Survivors include: his wife, Clidia Conley of Kendallville; son, Chad Conley of Kendallville; daughter, Sondra Conley and her boyfriend, Shaun Hagerty both of Kendallville; grandson, Trenton Hagerty of Columbia City; brother, Jeff and Latesa Conley of Kendallville; three sisters, Elizabeth and Nick Weber of Avilla, Mary and Daryl Mitchell of LaOtto, and Barb Bowman of LaOtto.

He was preceded in death by parents.

Funeral Services were at Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Willie Collins .

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Casketbearers: Ben Gaerte, Shaun Hagerty, Gary Long, Nick Weber, Scott Green, Kevin Grigsby, Ronnie Miller, Lonnie Conley

View a video tribute (after Thursday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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George Robinson, Sr., 75

ALBION. — George Don Robinson, Sr., 75, of Albion died Saturday, November 10, 2007, at 7:15 a.m. in North Ridge Village Nursing Home, Albion, where he had resided the past six months.

George was formerly a Fort Wayne native, and had lived in Tampa, Florida, for 20 years. He and his wife returned to the Albion area in 2005. He had worked in building maintenance at Wayne Metal in Fort Wayne for 20 years and North Gate Lincoln Mercury in Tampa for 10 years.

He was born February 22, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Edward and Frieda (Hughes) Robinson. On February 15, 1955, in New Haven he married Ellen Sills.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen Robinson of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, George D. Robinson, Jr. and Gail Robinson of Melrose, Massachusetts, and William E. and Paula Robinson of Tampa, Florida; four grandchildren, Jeffery Robinson, Jessica Robinson, Cody Jarrard Robinson, and Travis Robinson; one sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Jim Miller of Albion; and one brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Mary Robinson of Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia House, and two brothers, Fred Robinson and Ted Robinson.

Funeral services will be Thursday, November 15. 2007, at 1 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Pastor Jeffrey Hipley of New Hope Baptist Church, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne. Casketbearers will be George D. Robinson, Jr., Brent Romines, Ronald Romines, Verne Romines, Stanley Thomas, Harold Harris, Jeffery Robinson, and Austin Romines.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 15, 2007, from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to North Ridge Village Nursing Home, 600 Trail Ridge Road, Albion, Indiana, 46701.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Wanita M. Albertson, 84

AVILLA. — Wanita M. Albertson, 84, of Avilla and formerly of Butler died peacefully Wednesday morning, Nov. 7, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born Aug. 28, 1923, in LaOtto to Charley and Bessie (Pepple) Hoff.

She married Charles "Tiny" Albertson on Dec. 24, 1942, in Auburn. He died May 16, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Bill Smith of Fort Wayne; a sister, Kate Truelove of LaOtto; seven grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Charley; a daughter, Darlene Schortgen; and two sisters, Emma Jean Offered and Myrtle Barret.

Graveside services were in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. There will be no other services or calling.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Shelley Ann (Shady) Elston, 42

FORT WAYNE — Shelley Ann (Shady) Elston, 42, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was a self-employed Mary Kay Skin Care Consultant and had been employed by Tom's Donuts in Angola.

She was born June 24, 1965, in Angola, the daughter of Robert and Karen (Goodhew) Elston.

Surviving are two daughters, Misty Clark of Auburn and Amanda Shady of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law James Roark III and Alecia Roark of Avilla and Robert High of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Trevor Roark, Kaylea, Lucian and Izzak Bruggner; her companion, Dave Richison of Fort Wayne; her mother and stepfather, Karen and Thomas Halladay of Fremont; her father and stepmother, Robert and Ginny Elston of Angola; five brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jim and Kim Elston of Angola, Wes and Crimson Parrish of Fremont, Bill Elston of Fort Wayne, Todd Hinen of Angola and Chad Hinen of Quincy, Mich.; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Connie and Ed Sholl of Pleasant Lake, Cheri King of Chicago and Julie and Jon Slate of Woodburn.

Services were in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, with Pastor Randy VanDyne officiating. Burial followed in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Shelley Ann Elston Memorial Fund, c/o First Federal Savings Bank of Angola, 212 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent and a guest register may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Donald W. Sowles, 74

GARRETT — Donald W. Sowles, 74, of Garrett died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sowles had owned and operated Sowles Welding in rural Garrett since January 1962.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean conflict, serving from 1953-1956 and earning the Navy Presidential Unit Citation, the Korea, National Defense, Marine Corps Good Conduct and United Nations awards, and the Expert Rifleman medal.

Mr. Sowles was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and Disabled American Veterans. He was an avid bird watcher and had a very creative nature and loved to invent things.

He was born May 10, 1933, in Pleasant Lake to Jay and Nina (Collins) Sowles.

On May 27, 1960, in Angola, he married Mary L. Batdorf. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Edward A. and Dawn Sowles of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura E. Boswell of Raleigh, N.C., and Nina M. and Bryan Bosell of Auburn; two grandchildren, Kiel Bosell and Kasey Bosell, both of Auburn; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Nancy Sowles of Albion and Jay Eugene and Judy Sowles and Lloyd and Debbie Sowles, all of Tahlequah, Okla.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Betty Jane and Everett Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Sue and Steve Curtis of LaGrange and Diana Matson of Atlanta, Ga.; and a sister-in-law, Viola Sowles of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Leon Sowles and Dorsey Sowles.

Services were in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Dan White officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

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Rita Girard

DECATUR — Rita C. Girard, 71, of Decatur died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, at Adams Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Girard was the liturgical director, organist and music teacher for St. Joseph Catholic School.

She was a former member of the Speck Hebble & Blue Velvet Band.

Mrs. Girard was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Women of St. Mary's and Catholic Ladies of Columbia Council 20.

She was born March 11, 1936, in Decatur to Lewis H. and Clara A. (Heimann) Rumschlag. She married John R. Girard on Sept. 11, 1954. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John J. and Mary Kay Girard of Monroeville; five daughters and sons-in-law, Jo Lynn and Keith Hiester, Rosanne "Po" and Ed Dawson and Maggie and Rod Hawkins, all of Decatur, Jeannie and David Byers of Columbia City and Mary L. and Richard Arend of Wolcottville; six brothers, Dennis Rumschlag of Carthagena, Ohio, Herman, Jerome, Louis and Thomas Rumschlag, all of Decatur, and Cletus Rumschlag of Fort Wayne; five sisters, Esther Rosenbeck of St. Henry, Ohio, Mary Rumschlag of Abingdon, Va., Jean Rumschlag of Elm Grove, Wis., Monica Wyss of Coldwater, Mich., and Sister Clare Ann Rumschlag of South Bend; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur with Father David Voors officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Decatur.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur with a rosary at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the A.C.C.F. Rita Girard Music Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.haggardand-sefton.com.

Thomas Kendregan

FORT WAYNE — Thomas Kendregan, 79, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at his home. He had been in declining health for the past month.

Mr. Kendregan was the owner and operator of Lebrato Remodeling in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 19, 1936, in Kankakee, Ill., to Richard and Vivian (Boudreau) Kendregan. He married Bonnie Scheurich on Aug. 18, 1967, in Angola. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son, Kevin Kendregan of Fort Wayne, and a brother, David Kendregan of Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be private.

Mildred Scott

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. — Mildred J. Scott, 78, of Brookville died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, at the Hospice Home in Brooksville after an extended illness.

Mrs. Scott had lived in the Albion area for many years prior to moving to Florida.

She had worked at Reclaimers Inc. near Kendallville and had retired from Group Dekko.

Mrs. Scott was a member of First Baptist Church in Lacooche, Fla.

She was affectionately known as "Millie." She enjoyed growing vegetables and flowers and will be remembered for her green thumb.

She was born July 5, 1929, in Henry County, Ind., to Ross C. and Edna (Vance) Noble. She married Robert E. Scott in Las Vegas, Nev. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, James A. Roesler of Columbia City; a granddaughter, Star Barrand a grandson, Shawn Roesler; two great-grandsons, Tyler Sparklin and Raymond Barrand; a brother, Ross E. Noble of Kendallville; and friend and caretaker, Jack Batista of Brooksville.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Patrica Wood; and a brother, Gale Noble.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Berna Jones

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Berna Edward (Sol) Jones, 78, of Winston Salem, N.C., died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007, at the Brian Rehab and Retirement Center in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Jones was a retired truck driver and produce dealer, was a partner of N and J Produce Co. in Winston-Salem and worked many summers on the Columbia, S.C., State Farmer's Market for his brothers at Jones Produce Center and Cana Produce Center both in Cana, Va.

He was born Feb. 18, 1929, in Cana, one of 13 children born to William Lissie and Lina Cagle Jones. He was married to Elza Combs Jones for 59 years. She survives

He is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda Gail and Gary Leftwich of Cana, and Charlotte and Glen Davis of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Dennis Jones of Winston-Salem, Danny Jones of Cana and Delmer "Bo" and Debbie Jones of King, N.C.; he was a very proud "Pawpaw" to his 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Faye Hardigree and Helen and Eddie Vaughn all of Cana; Howard Willard of Winchester, Ky.; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Franklin and Forrest Jones, Herman and Edith Jones, Odell and Maggie Jones, Perry and Ida Jones, Linwood and Lorraine Jones, Donald and Mary Jones, Nonnie Jones, Magdalene Jones and Edith Jones all of Cana; an uncle Buster and wife Mary Lee Jones of Cana; and many nieces and nephews and extended family.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Loraine J. Willard; and three brothers, Junior, Namon and Harlie Jones.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at Paul's Creek Baptist Church in Cana with the Revs. Verlon Combs, Larry Jones, Marlie Hawks and James Jones officiating. Burial will follow in the Jesse Jones Family Cemetery.

Calling will be 30 minutes prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Forsyth County EMS, 911 E. 5th St, Winston Salem, NC 27101, or to the Jones Family Cemetery, care of Helen Vaughn, Epworth Church Rd, Cana, VA 24317.

Condolences may be left at www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

Aiden Leigh Ann Bell

FORT WAYNE — Aiden Leigh Ann Bell was stillborn Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at 9:23 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, Chad and April (Rathburn) Bell of Fort Wayne; a sister, Rayne Bell, at home; grandparents, Bob Bell of Auburn, Rita Rathburn of Pleasant Lake, Jerry Rathburn of Corunna and John and Lola Aldrich of Auburn; great-grandparents, Ioma Rathburn of Auburn and Maxine Crum of Ossian; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services for family and friends will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Beulah Beier

BRONSON, Mich. — Beulah M. Beier, 93, of Bronson, Mich., died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, at the Laurels of Coldwater, Mich.

She was a farm wife and homemaker.

After moving to Bronson, she enjoyed riding her bicycle around town and talking with people. She also enjoyed gardening. She attended the First Baptist Church of Bronson.

Beulah was born May 9, 1914, in Orland to George and Iva (Rumsey) Lytle. She married George "Ed" Beier on her birthday, May 9, 936 in Orland. He died in July 1977.

Surviving are her son Willis Beier and his life partner Joyce White, both of Coldwater; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son Charles Beier, a brother and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson with the Rev. John Fields officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Memorials may be made to the Bronson Food Pantry.

Condolences may be left at www.kolcz.com.

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Richard Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Richard W. Becker, 65, of rural Kendallville died unexpectedly on Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Becker

Mr. Becker had worked as a foreman for both Redman Manufacturing in Topeka and Jayco in Middlebury.

He graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1960.

Mr. Becker loved to work with all kinds of wood. He built his home and many different types of furniture. Mr. Becker also loved to spend time with his family and grandchildren.

Mr. Becker was born in Kendallville on Aug. 6, 1942, to Robert B. and Josephine O. (Kline) Becker. He married Elaine A. McKissack-Treft on May 8, 1989, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Shantel Treft of Kendallville and Randy Becker of Indiana; two daughters and a son-in-law, Renee Treft of Kendallville and Michelle and Shawn Meaker of Texas; seven grandchildren, Corey Treft of Indiana, Trinity Treft of Kendallville, Tim Branham of Washington, D.C., Gary W. Cooley of Fort Wayne, April Magnus of Ligonier, Joey Cullender of Texas and Amanda Meaker of Texas; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Bobby Jo Becker of Wolcottville and Ron and Mary Becker of Kendallville; and his first wife, Georgiana Becker of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Richard Becker Jr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh of Ligonier United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Becker family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at:
www.hitefuneralhome.com

Carolyn Elza

LIGONIER — Carolyn Ann Elza, 67, of rural Ligonier died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend with her son, Gene, at her bedside.

Mrs. Elza had been employed at Union International Products in Cromwell, retiring in 2001 after 20 years of service.

She enjoyed reading, gardening, tending her flower beds and loved horses. She was also known to enjoy the simple pleasures of beautiful sunsets and laughter.

Mrs. Elza

Mrs. Elza was born on March 17, 1940, in Illinois to Eugene and Bernice Read. She married Willie Elza in April 1958. He died in January 2007.

Surviving are a son, Gene Elza of rural Ligonier, and a grandson, Jesse of Ligonier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at J. A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to:
brazzellfuneralhome.com

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In Loving Memory of Mary K. Reidenbach

"Life's opportunities never end. God designed you to be a continual learner, a continual doer, a continual explorer and a continual giver. He never authorized a 'retirement age' from those pursuits!"

The family expresses their appreciation to Hite Funeral Home and for the many prayers, visits, food, cards, flowers, phone calls, and thoughts during their time of loss of their beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Jack, Vicki, Peggy, Philip, John,
and their families

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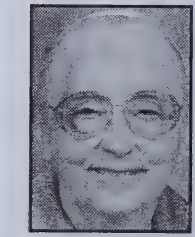
Elsie Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Elsie Miller, 91, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury died at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker. She began a life of work for the church at an early age by assisting her father in janitorial duties at the church and aiding her mother in preparing meals for church members.


Miller

She enjoyed entertaining and hosted many dinners for friends, neighbors, Goshen College students and international visitors to the area.

Mrs. Miller was a longtime member of the Townline Mennonite Church.

She was born Nov. 19, 1915, in LaGrange County to Jacob and Fannie (Yoder) Lambright. She married Eli D. Miller on Dec. 15, 1940. He died Dec. 8, 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Susan Miller of Middlebury; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Ruth Miller and Miriam and Walter Bontrager, all of Middlebury, Verna Miller of Palmyra, Pa., and Lois and Michael Miller of Partridge, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Melvin Lambright of Middlebury; and a sister, Clara Miller of Topeka.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter-in-law, Lillian Miller; six brothers, Jerry, Toby, Ammon, Edward, Milt and Freeman Miller; and a sister, Wilma Miller.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Townline Mennonite Church with the Revs. Mel Eash, Andrew Eversole and Calvin Borntrager officiating. Burial will be in Townline Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to mission organizations of the donor's choice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Jack Young

GARRETT — Jack Lee Young, 59, of Garrett died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Young had been employed 14 years at Tower Automotive in Kendallville.

After graduating in 1969 from East Noble High School, he entered the United States Army and served two years during the Vietnam War era.

Mr. Young was a member of First Baptist Church.

He enjoyed repairing and building cars, engines and reading auto magazines.

Mr. Young also enjoyed camping.

He was born on Oct. 4, 1948, in Kendallville to Otto Edward and Deloruse Ann (Strouse) Young. He married Starr Kae Myers on June 29, 1973, at the First Baptist Church in Kendallville. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are his mother, Deloruse Young of Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Marshall Young of LaGrange and Adam and Sherry Young of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Eric Buss of Garrett; five grandchildren, Johanna, Aiden and Ellanore Buss and Ashley and Brooke Young; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Jack Jarrett of Kendallville; and a sister-in-law, Judy Young of McClish Lake near Helmer.

He was preceded in death by his father; and a brother, William Young in 2004.

Services will be at noon Saturday at the First Baptist Church, corner of Oak and Mitchell streets, Kendallville, with Pastor Percy Young officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be from 5-9 p.m. today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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William Emick

HAMILTON — William I. "Bud" Emick, 70, Hamilton, away Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Emick was a retired master brick mason.

He was a member of the Butler Eagles and Hamilton Fish and Game Club. He was an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan.

He was born Jan. 9, 1937, in Cairo, Ohio, to William J. and Gwendolyn (Harshman) Emick. He married Enaid Armstrong on June 2, 1979. She survives in Butler.

He is also survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah Leal and Mario Hernandez Jr. of Napoleon, Ohio, Rebecca and Jim Taylor of Curtice, Ohio, and Jennifer and Dan Kohl of Lima, Ohio; two stepsons and their spouses, Jeff and Linda Clemens of Albuquerque, N.M., and Brian and Shelly Clemens of Hamilton; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jo and Willis Tudor of Columbus Grove, Ohio, and Sue Morse of Lima, Ohio.

His parents and a stepson, Tommy Clemens, preceded him in death.

Service are private.

A celebration of Emicks's life will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Portside Galley and Pub in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

The Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home and Crematory in Hamilton is handling the arrangements.

Bonita Boyer

ROXBORO, N.C. — Bonita "Bonnie" Fansler Boyer, 91, of Roxboro, N.C., died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Boyer was a native of Garrett and a graduate of Manchester College. She was a teacher and volunteer, most recently volunteering at the Extended Care Unit of Person Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are a son, Ted Boyer; a daughter, Janis Pinto; and five grandchildren, Brittany and Chris Boyer, Hector and Corey Pinto and Shawn Klinko.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Boyer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Brooks & White Chapel in Roxboro with the Rev. T.R. Miller officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26, in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the ALS Association, Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter, 120-01 Penmarc Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling local arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information received by this newspaper and provide additional information.*

Thomas Kendregan

FORT WAYNE — Thomas Kendregan, 70, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at his home. He had been in declining health for the past month.

Mr. Kendregan was the owner and operator of Lebrato Remodeling in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 19, 1936, in Kankakee, Ill., to Richard and Vivian (Boudreau) Kendregan. He married Bonnie Scheurich on Aug. 18, 1967, in Angola. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son, Kevin Kendregan of Fort Wayne, and a brother, David Kendregan of Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be private.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information received by this newspaper.*

Robert Sumney Jr.

DENVER, N.C. — Robert Wayne "Bob" Sumney Jr., 51, of Denver, N.C., died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Sumney had retired as a district sales representative from Swedish Match North America in 2001.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion at Post 215 in LaGrange, Pine Valley Country Club and a Tennessee Squire.

Mr. Sumney was a 1974 graduate of Northrop High School. He will be remembered for his sense of humor.

He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Janet; a son and daughter-in-law, Shawn and Andrea Sumney of New Haven; three daughters and a son-in-law, Lindsay and Andrew Miller of Mount Holly, N.C., Kelley Sumney of Fort Wayne and Jessica Sumney of Denver, N.C.; four grandchildren; his mother and stepfather, Alyce and Alan Reed of Fort Wayne; his stepmother, Shirley and Glen Stahlhut of Fort Wayne; his mother-in-law, Barbara Gillie of Bloomington; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Alan and Virginia Reed of Rowlett, Texas, Jeff and Nancy Reed of Riottondo, Texas, and Rob Marquis of Fort Wayne; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Robyn and Stan Clark of Wolcottville, Shelly Hansen of Churubusco and Stacy Marquis of Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo Society, 3411 Sherman St., Fort Wayne, or the Allen County CASA Coalition, 11801 Lima Road, Fort Wayne.

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LaDonna Shoudel

FORT WAYNE — LaDonna C. Shoudel, 82, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007, at 5 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Shoudel

Ms. Shoudel worked as the vault principal at International Harvestor in Fort Wayne for 38 1/2 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, American Legion Post 176 Auxiliary and the Eagles Auxiliary, all in Garrett.

She was born July 5, 1925, to Charles T. and Cora G. (Mansfield) Shoudel. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two brothers, Carl W. Shoudel Sr. of Fort Wayne and Charles E. Shoudel of Garrett; two sisters, Martha Jane Anderson of Fort Wayne and Mary Lou DeWitt of Garrett; and 16 nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Donald C. Shoudel, and a sister, Angel Rose Shoudel.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 9-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses or St. Joseph Catholic School.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent and an online register book may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Dan Huss

FORT WAYNE — Dan Huss, 62, died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Huss

Mr. Huss

Mr. Huss graduated from Bluffton High School and from Indiana Institute of Technology in 1967. He was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and was active on the alumni board for many years. He also volunteered for the American Cancer Society for a decade and was a member of the Leo American Legion Post 409.

He worked for 33 years as a computer analyst for International Harvester/Navistar in Fort Wayne. For the last six years, he worked for Summit Cleaning Service in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 7, 1944, in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Earl and Mildred (Johnson) Huss. His mother survives in Bluffton, and his father preceded him in death.

He married Mar Furnish on May 21, 1966, in Cedarville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Travis Huss of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Tisha and Rick Heller of Trafalgar; seven grandchildren, Miranda and her husband, John, Brianna, Travis Jr., Jacob, Cole, Kayleigh and Kyle; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dave and Margie of Ossian, Don and Vicky of Bluffton and Doug and Judy of Bluffton; a sister, Diann Huss of Decatur; many nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by granddaughter, Dana, in August 2000.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. Burial in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 pm at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Lula Titler

AUBURN — Lula Mae Titler, 80, of Auburn died Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne from pancreatic cancer, which was diagnosed this week.

Mrs. Titler

Mrs. Titler worked at Marshall Clothing in Butler, Crane Edmund in Butler and Magnavox in Auburn before retiring in 1990. She attended both the Butler Church of the Nazarene and the Auburn Nazarene Church.

She was born Feb. 2, 1927, in Union, S.C., to Kimzy and Mattie (Henderson) Messer. They preceded her in death.

She married Lynn Titler on Oct. 28, 1967, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Teressa Goodman of Fort Branch and Patricia Gordon of Butler; two grandchildren, Mary Ann Vazquez and Walter Paul Smith, both of Butler; and two great-grandchildren, Annabel Vazquez and Aydan Vazquez.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Mrs. Titler asked that no calling or services be held for her, and her family is honoring her request.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

William DeLancey

ANGOLA — William C. DeLancey, 63, of Angola died Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. DeLancey was a lifelong self-employed farmer.

He enjoyed going to garage sales and auctions and listening to karaoke. He loved animals.

He was born Aug. 12, 1944, in Angola to Oakley and Blanche (Halsey) DeLancey. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter -in-law, Brett and Jill DeLancey; a daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Scott Lehman; three grandchildren, Oakley, Sawyer and Will; a sister, Connie Kuhn; and a companion, Kathy Dexter, all of Angola.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Phyllis Goudy, and a brother, Robert DeLancey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Alice Dean

AUBURN — Alice R. Dean, 82, of Auburn died Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She worked for Campbell Soup in California.

She was born May 23, 1925, in Harlan, Ky., to McKinley and Amanda (Blevins) Skidmore. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Henry Napier of California and Arthur Napier of Goshen; two bothers, Frank Skidmore of Statesville, N.C., and Willie Skidmore of Auburn; and four sisters, Grace Gunn of Auburn, Ann Mae Rigney of Ages, Ky., Eveyln Eddins of Auburn and Pauline Harrison of California.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Harlan Skidmore, Lawrence Skidmore, Herbert Skidmore and McKinley Skidmore Jr., and one sister, Buehlah Skidmore.

Graveside services will be Monday in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with the Rev. Raymond Warner officiating.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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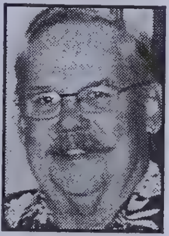
Gerald Blosser

KENDALLVILLE — Gerald Lowell Blosser, 73, of Kendallville died Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.


Mr. Blosser

Mr. Blosser graduated from Homer High School, Homer, Mich., in 1952 and entered the U.S. Navy. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean and Vietnam wars in both active and reserve duty for a total of 26 years. He retired from the Navy in 1975. He was a member of the VFW Francis Vinyard Post 2749 in Kendallville and American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

From 1976-1985, he was owner and operator of the Super Sub Shop in Ironwood, Mich. He then moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where he owned the Imperial Cafe for a short time.

He later worked as a cook for the Orange and San Diego County Sheriff's Department correctional facilities.

He moved back to Kendallville in 2002 to be closer to family.

His favorite hobby was fishing. He spent the winter tying flies for the next summer and enjoyed making crafts. He was a big fan and member of the George Jones Fan Club and he loved country music and karaoke. He loved cooking, canning and making smoked beef jerky. He had a pilot's license and loved to fly. He also loved his beagle, Sophie, and his poodle, Muffin.

Mr. Blosser was born Dec. 24, 1933, in Defiance, Ohio, to Andrew Madison and Alma Marie (Reeb) Blosser.

He married Marion Louise Williamson on June 6, 1953, in Angola. She survives in Kendallville.

Other survivors include two sons, Barry Blosser and Mark Edward Blosser, both of San Diego, Calif.; a daughter, Dawn Marie Blosser of Rome City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Alice Blosser of Coldwater, Mich., and Bill and Kae Blosser of Waverly, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Terry Lynn Blosser in 1992; three brothers, Kenneth, Phillip and Richard Blosser; and two sisters, Martha Cunningham and Nancy Brown.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

View a video tribute (after Monday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Daniel Wickey

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Daniel A. Wickey, 70, of Phoenix died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007.

Mr. Wickey was a self-employed graphic designer.

He was born April 3, 1937, in Berne to August D. and Emma (Schwartz) Wickey. His mother survives in Milroy.

He moved to Arizona 37 years ago.

Surviving are four children, Irene Yoder, Edwin Wickey, Deborah Miller and Mark Wickey; 11 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; six sisters and brothers-in-law, Susan and John Schmidt of Milroy, Mary and Jake Coblentz of Phoenix, Ruth Schwartz of Shipshewana, Lucinda and Dan Schwartz of Geneva, Delila and Reuben Miller of Middlebury, and Clara and John Eicher of LaGrange; and four brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Rosian Wickey of Milroy, Menas and Susan Wickey of Homer, Mich., Corneal and Lena Wickey of LaGrange and Pheanis and Elizabeth Wickey of Bremen.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Nathan Wickey.

Services will be today at 10 a.m. at Grace Mennonite Church, 8704 N. Seventh Ave., Phoenix.

Calling was Friday at Hansen Chapel, Phoenix.

Local arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

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Tough guy had a heart of gold

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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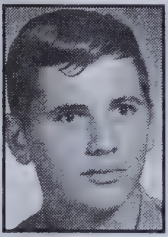
AUBURN — Daryl Dove was passionate about many things, not the least his grandchildren, Indiana University basketball, Colts football, Cubs baseball and fishing. The teddy bear of a man was kind and caring and treasured family and friends, his children and siblings said.

When he had any free time, Dove would take his three sons — and later his grandchildren — outside to play ball, remembers oldest son, Brad Dove. Brad doesn't remember ever seeing his father watch anything on television other than sporting events.



Mr. Dove

Daryl Dove died unexpectedly July 14 at the age of 53 from complications related to surgery.

A 1972 graduate of Eastside High School, Mr. Dove worked at SPX Contech in Auburn and was a former emergency medical technician. For many years he served as a youth league coach in Butler and later, Auburn.

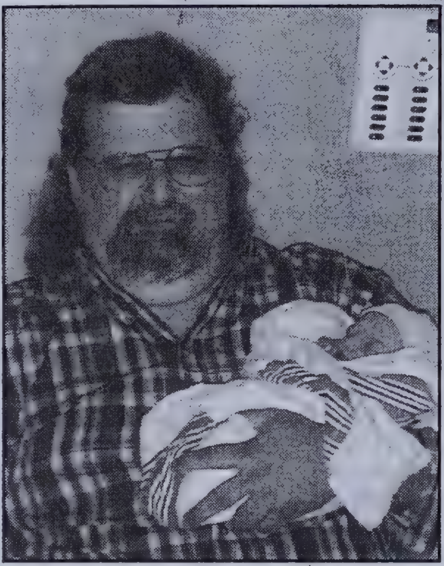
He was born in Bryan, Ohio, one of six children of Authur and Esther (Young) Dove.

His sister, Deanna Dohner, Garrett, remembers all of her brothers were mischievous and teased her — the only girl of the family — but her brother Daryl was very, very special, she said.

"He walked many Sundays to church and to Sunday school," Dohner said.

"There were six of us, and we didn't have much, but we were very close and always looked after each other," said brother Larry Dove of Butler.

Daryl Dove attended Tamarack School and Butler Elementary School and, as a young boy growing up on his family's farm, was very active in his local 4-H Club. One thing he always looked forward to, remembers Dohner, was the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair.



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Daryl Dove doted on his grandchildren and the sky was the limit when it came to their wants and needs, said his oldest son, Brad.

"That event was always a big family reunion for our family, and Daryl always enjoyed it so much," said Dohner.

Larry Dove said this year's fair was especially hard for him and the rest of the family.

"Every year at the DeKalb County fair, we would sit on the steps of the courthouse annex and talk and tell stories," Larry Dove said. "This was the first year in many, many years that Daryl was not at the fair. It was a tough summer for all of us."

Daryl Dove was known to family and co-workers as somewhat of a perfectionist. He was in charge of the tool crib and inventory at SPX Contech and was very organized, Brad Dove said.

"His co-workers said he had a place

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for everything and made people ask permission before they entered the shop," Brad Dove said.

Co-workers would take delight in sneaking into the tool crib when Daryl Dove was on break and moving things around just to drive him crazy, said Dohner.

"My brother liked to think he was a tough guy, but he had a big heart of gold," Larry Dove said.

The night before he entered a hospital for pre-surgery procedures, Daryl Dove got on the telephone and called all of his siblings to make sure they were OK.

"I had congestive heart failure, and he was worried about me," Larry Dove said. "I said to him, 'Maybe you should be worried about yourself,' but he just laughed and said that was just the way he was."

Daryl Dove was extremely proud of his three sons, Brad, Chris and Danny, and of the fact that Danny was serving in the Iraq War, as well as his eight grandchildren.

"He spoiled his grandchildren rotten," Brad Dove said. "He loved kids and even included his girlfriend's children and grandchildren" in that special circle, Brad Dove said.

Daryl Dove liked nothing better than to grab a fishing partner and head to brother Dave's house on Hamilton Lake and spend the day fishing. That and anytime he could catch a Colts, I.U. or Cubs game, he was happy.

At his funeral, his children placed a copy of Colts' coach Tony Dungy's newest book in the casket, and the room was filled with photos of Dove with various youth league teams he had coached over the years.

"I still love him and think of him often," said Larry Dove.

"Everyone should be so blessed as to have a brother like Daryl," said Dohner. "He will live in our hearts forever."

Louis Topp

Louis Topp, 43, of Waterloo died Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Topp was born Nov. 24, 1963, in Fort Wayne to Norman and Phyllis (Swaim) Topp.

He is survived by two sons, Nathan Topp and Greg Topp, both of Waterloo; two brothers, Joseph Topp and Norman Topp, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Gina Topp of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Eleanor Reas.

Services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Calling will be 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Charles Browning

Charles W. Browning, 56, of Middlebury died at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Browning was born April 6, 1951.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

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Susan Bontrager

GOSHEN — Susan A. Bontrager, 102, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury and Millersburg, died at 5:55 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, at Courtyard of Goshen.

Mrs. Bontrager was a member of Fairhaven Amish-Mennonite Church where she was active for years in the sewing circle. She was also an avid quilter.

Mrs. Bontrager was born on April 18, 1905, to Andrew and Catherine (Yoder) Miller in LaGrange. She married Jacob E. Bontrager on March 25, 1926, in LaGrange County. He preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 1982.

She is survived by three daughters, Fannie Hochstetler of Goshen, Lydia and Clarence Bontrager of Etna Green and Katie Mae Bontrager; a son, Albert J. Bontrager of Baldwin, Mich., 24 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Bontrager was preceded in death by a son, Eli J. Bontrager; two brothers, John and Noah Miller; and two sisters, Polly Overholt and Lydia Ann Bontrager.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Fairhaven Amish-Mennonite Church with Bishop Wilbur Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Sharon Mills

LAGRANGE — Sharon M. Mills, 65, of LaGrange died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was retired from Dometic Corp. in LaGrange.

She came to the LaGrange area in the early 1960s from Quincy, Ill. She enjoyed volunteering at Miller's Merry Manor.

On July 9, 1942, in Jacksonville, Ill., she was born to Elmer C. and Ada O. (Bratsch) Harrison.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Cynthia Boyd of Howe, and Richard and Sara Mills of Mongo; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Boyd Crews of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, John Mills Jr., a sister, Adah Surgeon, and a brother, Harvey Cockerill.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

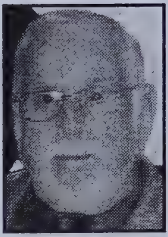
Calling will be from noon Saturday until the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Owen Glenn

ANGOLA — Owen Cluster "Clus" Glenn, 79, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.



Mr. Glenn

Mr. Glenn worked for Northern Indiana Public Service Co., first as a lineman, then as a supervisor. He retired in 1990. He served in the Army-Air Force.

He was an active member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola. He was a member of Gideons International and the Gideons Jail Ministry, and Angola American Legion Post No. 31. He played football for Army and was a weatherman while in the service.

He was born Dec. 19, 1927, in Charleston, W.Va., to Owen and Wavie (Huffman) Glenn. Both preceded him in death. He married Coral Topp on Feb. 23, 1952. She survives in Angola.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Kelly and Nancy Glenn of Fort Wayne, and Todd and Lisa Glenn of Middlebury; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jodee and Michael Keleman of Racine, Wis., and Vicki and Ron Hornish of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; a brother, Gene Glenn of Winter Haven, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Church, with the Rev. Norm Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Calling will be held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Rebecca Lambright

Mrs. Lambright

ELKHART — Rebecca D. "Becky" Lambright, 60, of Elkhart died at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at her residence of cancer.

She graduated from Middlebury High School in 1964, and earned her R.N. degree from South Bend Memorial School of Nursing in 1968.

In 1979 she began her long professional association with Dr. Mabel Blunk, whom she assisted in opening the Bristol Street Pediatric Association in 1987.

Lambright was head nurse at Bristol for 20 years, and saw the practice grow from a small office into a seven-physician practice today serving more than 13,000 families in northern Indiana and southern Michigan.

She was an accomplished gardener with flower beds surrounding her home, and hummingbirds, goldfinches and bluebirds constant visitors to her garden birdfeeders. She also enjoyed sewing quilts.

In Elkhart on Jan. 18, 1947, she was born to Lawrence and Katherine Johnson of Middlebury. She married Freeman "Fritz" Lambright on Jan. 18, 1977, in Wolcottville. He survives.

Also surviving are her mother; four daughters and sons-in-law, Renee and Jason Mass of Cypress, Texas; Rachel and Tim Peters of Midland, Texas; Brenda and Gary Wylie-Biggs of Churubusco; and Becky and Jeff Siegel of Millersburg; three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Emily Zarria of Austin, Texas; Brent and Sue Lambright of Millersburg; and Brad and Lori Lambright of Centerville, Ind.; 18 grandchildren, Riley, Casey and Logan Mass, Andrew, Ian and Abigail Peters, Julia Zarria, Brandon and Brock Lambright, Tim, Wylie, Christopher and Nichole Biggs, Hunter, Kara, Emma and Wade Lambright, and Tim, Jeremy and Hannah Siegel; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Norah and Dave Wolthuis of Au Gres, Mich., and Bob and Cindy (Ward) Johnson of South Bend; and a sister and brother-in-law, Beth and Bob (Anderson) Johnson of Harleysville, Pa.

Services will at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest United Methodist Church with the Rev. David Cross and Pastor Lou Clifton officiating. Burial and graveside services will follow at Bonnyville Cemetery in York Township, east of Bristol.

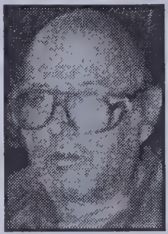
Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Becky Lambright Nurses Scholarship c/o Bristol Street Pediatric Associates, 1627 E. Bristol St., Elkhart, IN 46514.

Condolences may be sent online to www.billingsfuneralhome.com.

Billings Funeral Home, Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Ronnie Schaeffer


Mr. Schaeffer

FREMONT — Ronnie L. Schaeffer, 55, of Fremont died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, at his home in Fremont.

Mr. Schaeffer had worked at Tenneco Automotive of Angola for 30 years.

He was a 1970 graduate of Fremont High School. He loved his dog "Pepper." He enjoyed spending time with his family, watching basketball, fishing, and loved pizza and junk food. He enjoyed listening to gospel music and attended several area churches.

He was born June 7, 1952, in Angola to Carl and Lois Pauline (Marsh) Schaeffer. Both survive in Fremont.

He is also survived by a sister, Lois Jean Schaeffer, of Fremont; two brothers; Connie Carl Schaeffer of Fort Wayne, and Donnie Wayne Schaeffer of Fremont; an aunt, Dortha Burch of Warsaw; uncle Quintin Marsh of Cement City, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews, including Jimmy and Jenny Schaeffer, Vera Miller, Karen Young, Warren Lee Burch, Lou Ann Bradford, Jayson Hall, Mike and Bud Norton, Diane Lewis, and Kathy and Judy Sheneman.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Lori Reed

COLDWATER, Mich. — Lori L. Reed, 39, of Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at the Community Health Center of Branch County, Mich.

Mrs. Reed

Mrs. Reed had worked for the ADAPT group homes for about two years, and for the last nine years she was dispatcher for the Branch Area Transit Authority.

She was an active member of the First Church of Christ in Coldwater and was a participant and supporter of Relay For Life, along with her family. She was an outdoors person, enjoying fishing with her husband, camping, and the beach. She loved children and her pets. She loved spending time with her family, especially her daughter Misty. She was a 1986 graduate of Coldwater High School.

She was born Nov. 8, 1968, to Dale and Janice (Fillmore) Cram in Coldwater. Both survive. She married Robert E. Reed on April 20, 2001, at the Gospel Lighthouse in Coldwater. He also survives.

She is also survived by her daughter Misty Reed; in-laws Tom and Janice Childers of Coldwater; a sister, Sandra Therrian; a brother Roger Cram and his sons, Tyler Cram and Nathan Callahan; friend Kelsy Remsing; and aunt Wez and uncle Joel Cram.

She was preceded in death by a stillborn son, Leroy James Cram.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday at noon at the First Church of Christ in Coldwater, with the Rev. Gene Cobb officiating. Burial will be at Fisher Hill Cemetery in Algansee Township, Mich.

Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Putnam Funeral Home in Coldwater, and two hours before the service at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left at www.putnamfuneralhome.com.

Garnet Slone

CROMWELL — Garnet M. Slone, 63, of rural Cromwell died Saturday, Nov 17, 2007, with her family at her side at her sister's residence in Edgewater, Fla.

Mrs. Slone had been in failing health for several months.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Betty Stauffer

SPENCERVILLE — Betty Stauffer, 70, of Spencerville died Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at her residence.

She was employed by Grabill Cabinets and enjoyed giving and sharing her paintings with many.

Survivors include her husband, DuWayne W. Stauffer of Spencerville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Wayne Bowser and Bill and Goldie Bowser; two daughters, Colleen Anderson and Teresa (Stauffer) Snyder; a beloved, Cheryl Edger; and a sister, Viola Murray.

She was preceded in death by a foster child, Robert Hinkle.

A private service was held Sunday at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan.

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Martha Bontrager

LAGRANGE — Martha Bontrager, 92, of LaGrange died at 3:35 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Bontrager

She was a homemaker and a member of the Invisible Body of Jesus Christ Church. She loved cooking and was an avid quilter.

On June 13, 1915, she was born in Darlo, Kan., to Edward and Barbara (Schrock) Petersheim. She married Ira J. Bontrager on Dec. 20, 1934, in Haven, Kan. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rosanna and Ron Tetzloff of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Josephine Bontrager of Cumberland Furnace, Tenn., and Gerald and Jody Bontrager of Elkhart; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; a stepsister and spouse, Edna and Willie Bontrager of Iowa; and a stepbrother, Eddie Petersheim of Missouri.

Preceding her in death were her parents, two brothers, Samuel and Tobie Petersheim, a sister, Anna Miller, a half brother, Jacob Petersheim, and a half sister, Susie Gingerich.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Maple Grove Church, Topeka, with the Revs. Edgar Miller and Phillip Bontrager officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka. Pallbearers will be Paul, Phillip, Andy and Jake Bontrager, Corey Hart and Jeremy Marchand.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 1836 Ida Red Road, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Janet Junge

FORT WAYNE — Janet Lee Baker (Tadsen) Junge died Friday, Nov. 16, 2007, at Fort Wayne Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home. She had been a cancer patient for 13 years.

Mrs. Junge

She is survived by her husband, Walt Junge of Angola; her father and mother, Arthur and Florence Baker of Napoleon, Ohio; son Dave Tadsen of Angola; daughter Kris Tadsen of Angola; three grandchildren; two brothers, Ken Baker of Kentucky and Herb baker of Toledo, Ohio; and a sister, Sandy Shoup of Fremont, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Cameron Home Care/Hospice of Angola, Fort Wayne Hospice Home, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Susan Groves

KIMMELL — Susan A. Groves, 56, of Smalley Lake died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, at Cape Coral Hospice Home, Cape Coral, Fla.

She moved to Smalley Lake near Kimmell in 1987. Her family lived throughout the U.S., and she completed her education in Connecticut.

On June 19, 1951, in Glendale, Calif., she was born to Robert and Erma (Coons) Jennings.

Surviving are her companion, Allan Groves; two sons, Michael F. Parker of Columbia City, and Jonas W. Lewis of Indianapolis; a daughter, Michelle L. Jackson of San Antonio, Texas; two stepdaughters, Wendy Groves of Paulding, Ohio, and Amy Jackson of New Haven; four grandchildren; two brothers, Bill Baker of Massachusetts, and Robert Lambertson of Connecticut; and two sisters, Jane Steeley of Syracuse, and Edith Babcock of Albion.

Graveside services will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

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John Gresley

MONROEVILLE — John E. Gresley, 55, of Monroeville died Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, at 6 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Gresley was a graduate of Heritage High School in the class of 1970. He worked for the Fort Wayne Vehicle Auction for the past 22 years and had been its general manager since 1994.

He formerly served in the Air National Guard and was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Fuelling.

He was born Aug. 9, 1952, in Adams County to Emmet and Irene (Fuelling) Gresley. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Decatur.

He married Karen Sue Haslup on April 2, 1977, in St. John Lutheran Church at Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Laura Gresley of Monroeville; a sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Al Bearman of Monroeville; and three grandchildren, Emmet, Ian and Owen Gresley, all of Monroeville.

He was preceded in death by one son, Jesse Robert Gresley, who died Oct. 30, 1991.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in St. Peter Lutheran Church at Fuelling. The Rev. Martin Moehring will officiate. Burial will be in St. Peter Lutheran Church Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home of Decatur and Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Sign an online guest book at www.zwickjahn.com.

Charles Browning

MIDDLEBURY — Charles Wayne Browning, 56, of Middlebury died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007, at 8 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Browning worked at local factories performing electrical duties and retired from Mid-American Electric.

He was a U.S. Marine veteran, serving in Vietnam. He was a graduate of South High School in Cleveland, Ohio.

He was born April 6, 1951, in Cabin Creek, W.Va., to Charles and Margaret (McDaniels) Browning. They preceded him in death.

He married Diane Hall on March 21, 1981, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathy Aechliman of Fort Wayne and Tammi and Chesney Van Dyke Sr. of Louisville, Ky., a son, Scott Aechliman of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; four sisters; and three brothers.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Browning.

There will be no services or calling. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is handling arrangements.

Condolences are to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Donald Chester

FORT WAYNE — Donald M. "Donnie" Chester, 78, died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at Parkview Hospital.

He was employed with International Harvester for 19 years, retiring in 1983.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing especially in Park Rapids, Minn., and his many friends there.

He was born in Allen County. He was married to Donna Jean (Fett) Chester. She survives in Fort Wayne.

He is also survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Terry A. and Linda Chester of Wawaka, David M. Chester, and Leroy and Cheryl Chester, all of Fort Wayne, and Todd L. and Lauri Chester of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca J. and Walt Lytle of Fort Wayne, and Rhonda L. and Randy Morris of Fremont; two sisters, Nettie Ellen Ullstrum and Irene Kitzmiller both of Waynedale; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, four brothers, and two grandchildren.

Services were at 10 a.m. today at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, with the Rev. Kevin Wendt officiating. Burial was in Harlan Memorial Cemetery in Harlan.

Memorials are to Parkview North Hospice.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information from the funeral home and to correct an error.*

Sharon Mills

LAGRANGE — Sharon M. Mills, 65, of LaGrange died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was retired from Dometic Corp. in LaGrange.

She came to the LaGrange area in the early 1960s from Quincy, Ill. She enjoyed volunteering at Miller's Merry Manor.

On July 9, 1942, in Jacksonville, Ill., she was born to Elmer C. and Ada O. (Bratsch) Harrison.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Cynthia Boyd of Howe, and Richard and Sara Mills of Mongo; a daughter, Barbara (Boyd) Crews of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and her former husband, John Mills Sr. of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a stepson, John Mills Jr., a sister, Adah Surgeon, and a brother, Harvey Cockerill.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from noon Saturday until the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Julia Burniston

WATERLOO — Julia A. Burniston, 47, of Waterloo died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007.

She had worked at Wee Haven Industries and RISE Inc. since 1980, doing assembly and sorting of items for shipment. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Kendallville.

She was born Dec. 1, 1959, in Auburn to James E. and Virginia L. (Hildebrandt) Burniston. Her father died April 26, 1990, and her mother survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a longtime friend, Doug Phares of Auburn; four sisters, Judy Rice of Columbia City, Barbara Ordway of Hudson, Margaret Smith of Angola and Sharon Brown of Garrett; and two brothers, Shawn Burniston of Cincinnati, Ohio, and James Burniston Jr. of Kendallville.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Kendallville. President Randall Hunt will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett to assist the family.

To send a condolence or sign an online register book, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Florence Paxton

FORT WAYNE — Florence B. Paxton, 104, died Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Paxton was a homemaker. She was an avid reader and collected antiques.

She was born in Paulding, Ohio. Her husband, Robert J. Paxton, preceded her in death in 1993.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Judy Paxton of Florence, Ala.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Shirley Borton, Marilyn and Alvin Hutchins, both of Fort Wayne, and Betty and Donald Koomler of Angola; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Marion and Marcella Driscoll of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Bonnie Austin of Papillion, Neb.

She was preceded in death by a grandson; a great-grandson; two brothers; and seven sisters.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross or Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice.

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Garnet Slone

CROMWELL — Garnet M. Slone, 63, of rural Cromwell died at 1:43 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, with her family at her side at her sister's residence in Edgewater, Fla. She had been in failing health for several months.

Mrs. Slone was a beautician and owned Country Parlor in Cromwell. She graduated from Ravenscroft Beauty College in Fort Wayne, and loved cooking, shopping and singing to the Lord with a group from Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier.

On July 19, 1944, in Hunter, Floyd County, Ky., she was born to Lonnie and Dona (Lykens) Warrens. She married Johnnie Slone in Ligonier on May 11, 1974. He survives in rural Cromwell.

Other survivors include a son, John A. Slone of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Chris Williams of Fort Wayne, and Natasha and Jose Alcala Jr. of Ligonier; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Joyce and Jim Simon of Edgewater, Fla., Gertrude Ponder of Columbus, Ohio, and Esther Harrington of Chillicothe, Ohio; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Peg Warrens of Edgewater, Fla., and Sam and Betty Jean Warrens of Wheelersburg, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

Her parents, three brothers, William, Curtis and Douglas Warrens, and a sister, Kathryn Gayheart, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday at Shiloh Baptist Church, Ligonier, with Pastor Jimmy Shepherd officiating. A special service will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier.

Mabel Gilmore

HUNTERTOWN — Mabel M. Gilmore, 82, of Huntertown died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Gilmore enjoyed painting, sewing and cake decorating. She was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 82.

She was born May 2, 1925, in Fort Wayne to James and Charlotte (Mausnest) Smith.

Surviving are a son, James Gilmore of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Karole Bednarczyk of Garrett, Michelle Gilmore of San Diego, Calif., and Lori Winebrenner of Avilla; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, James E. Smith of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Karl.

There will be no services or calling. Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Bruce Worthington

ANGOLA — Bruce Lee Worthington, 50, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He was a welder at Metal Spinners in Angola, and a member of Hamilton Fish and Game Club. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing and camping. He was an avid NASCAR fan, and raced go-carts and drove race cars. Jeff Gordon was his favorite driver.

On April 25, 1957, in Angola, he was born to Robert and Carol (Snyder) Worthington. He married Diana (Gibson) Worthington on April 16, 1981. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Carol and Doug Farish of Lake Panasoffkee, Fla.; a son, Bruce E. Worthington of Angola; his stepmother, Joyce Worthington of Angola; and three sisters, Debra Starnes of Bryan, Ohio, Julia Hall of Bushnell, Fla., and Paula Worthington of Angola.

His father and parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family c/o Diana Worthington.

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Donna Shull

FORT WAYNE — Donna J. Shull, 79, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007, at the Towne House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Lafayette, she was an order processor with Navistar for 34 years, retiring in 1981.

She is survived by her children and spouses, Nancy and Rick Bay of Garrett, Catherine and Derrick Aldrich of Pleasant Lake, Scott and Susan Shull of Grapevine, Texas, and Tina and Kevin Pion of Spencerville; six grandchildren; and a sister, Treva Long of St. Francis, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerden J. Shull in 1994; a daughter, Mary; and two sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. John Kuzmich officiating.

Calling also 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials to Heartland Hospice or Alzheimer's Association Northern Indiana Chapter, 919 E. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 1, South Bend, IN 46617.

Steve French

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — Steve H. French, 58, of Mount Clemens, Mich., formerly of Angola, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007.

Mr. French was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was a graduate of Angola High School. He was a sports enthusiast who enjoyed the outdoors. He loved gospel and country music, and especially enjoyed listening to Elvis Presley.

He was born Nov. 22, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Jim and Nora Wisner. He married Virginia French on May 27, 1982, in Denver.

Mr. French is survived by his wife, Virginia; mother, Norma Wisner; daughter, Rachel McKenna; sisters, Linda Livingston and Julie Adams; mother-in-law, Marion Puffpaff; brother-in-law, Frank (Kay) Dapice; sisters-in-law, Paulette Ireland and Antoinette Dapice; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Wisner; and sister, Alana Penland.

Services took place last week.

Memories may be shared with the family at www.faulmannwalsh.com.

Jackie Hayward

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — Jackie Alan Hayward, 47, of Broomfield, Colo., formerly of Hudson, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007.

He worked in various accounting positions throughout his career and recently worked in the warehouse distribution industry. He was employed by Eagle Direct XM in Denver as a warehouse manager until 1996.

He was a 1978 graduate of DeKalb High School and received an associate degree in accounting from International Business College. He enjoyed doing home improvements, cooking, gardening, family and friends, and the Colorado mountains, where he lived most of his adult life. Friends and family will remember him for his great sense of humor and fun-loving attitude.

He was born Dec. 29, 1959, in LaGrange to Billy Joe and Wilma Jean Hayward of Hudson. Both survive.

Also surviving are a daughter, Emilee, of Thorton, Colo.; his partner, Ralph Carpio of Broomfield; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Brenda Hayward of Van Wert Ohio, and Marla and Tracy Kretz of Waterloo; two nephews, Jeremy Castner and John Hayward, both of Hudson; two nieces, Brandy (Kretz) Miller of Angola, and Nikki Kretz of Auburn; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and his extended Carpio family.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at Stroh Church of God. Food will be provided and time for sharing will be from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

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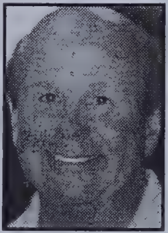
THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

John Gresley

MONROEVILLE — John E. Gresley, 55, of Monroeville died Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, at 6 a.m. in his home.


Mr. Gresley

Mr. Fuelling was a graduate of Heritage High School in the class of 1970. He worked for the Fort Wayne Vehicle Auction for the past 22 years and had been its general manager since 1994.

He formerly served in the Air National Guard and was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Fuelling.

He was born Aug. 9, 1952, in Adams County to Emmet and Irene (Fuelling) Gresley. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Decatur.

He married Karen Sue Haslup on April 2, 1977, in St. John Lutheran Church at Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Laura Gresley of Monroeville; a sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Al Bearman of Monroeville; and three grandchildren, Emmet, Ian and Owen Gresley, all of Monroeville.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jesse Robert Gresley, who died Oct. 30, 1991.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in St. Peter Lutheran Church at Fuelling. The Rev. Martin Moehring will officiate. Burial will be in St. Peter Lutheran Church Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home of Decatur and Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

To sign an online guest book, visit www.zwickjahn.com.

Charlotte Aubrey

AUBURN — A memorial service for Charlotte A. Aubrey, 89, will be Friday at noon at the former Lochner Farm, 3245 C.R. 68, Auburn.

The Rev. James Thalacker will officiate. A lunch will follow.

A resident of West Lafayette, Charlotte Aubrey died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

She was born Sept. 5, 1917, in DeKalb County to Jay and Marie Lochner. She graduated from Auburn High School and Purdue University.

Memorials are to Grace Lutheran Church, 102 Buckingham Drive, Lafayette, IN 47909.

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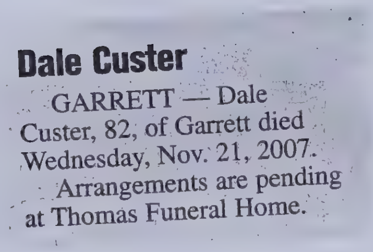

Dale Custer

GARRETT — Dale Custer, 82, of Garrett died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 21, 2007, Wednesday

Jack Lee Young, 59

GARRETT – Jack Lee Young, age 59, of Garrett, passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Young was born in Kendallville on October 4, 1948 to Otto Edward and Deloruse Ann (Strouse) Young and he graduated from East Noble High School in 1969.

Upon graduating from high school, Jack entered the United States Army for two years during the Vietnam Era.

He married Starr Kae Myers on June 29, 1973 at First Baptist Church in Kendallville and was employed with Tower Automotive in Kendallville for 14 years.

He was a member of First Baptist Church and enjoyed anything having to do with cars. He loved to work on and build cars, build engines and read car magazines. He also liked to go camping.

Survivors include: his wife, Starr Young of Garrett; his mother, Deloruse Young of Provena Sacred Heart Home Avilla; two sons, Marshall Young of LaGrange and Adam and Sherry Young of Wolcottville; a daughter, Jennifer and Eric Buss of Garrett; five grandchildren: Johanna, Aiden, and Ellanore Buss and Ashley and Brooke Young; a sister, Sue and Jack Jarrett of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Judy Young of McClish Lake near Helmer.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, William Young in 2004.

Funeral Services were at First Baptist Church in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Percy Young.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Susan R. Groves, 56

KIMMELL – Susan R. Groves, age 56, a resident of Smalley Lake, died Sunday, November 18, 2007 at Cape Coral Hospice Home in Cape Coral. Florida.

She was born June 19, 1951 in Glendale, California a daughter of Robert and Erma (Coons) Jennings. Her family lived throughout the United States and she completed her education in Connecticut.

In 1987 she moved to her home at Smalley Lake.

Surviving relatives include her companion, Allan Groves; two sons, Michael F. Parker of Columbia City and Jonas W. Lewis of Indianapolis; a daughter, Michelle L. Jackson of San Antonio, Texas; two step daughters, Wendy Groves of Paulding, Ohio and Amy Jackson of New Haven; four grandchildren; two brothers Bill Baker of Massachusetts and Robert Lambertson of Connecticut; and two sisters, Jane Steely of Syracuse and Edith Babcock of Albion.

The graveside service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, November 23, 2007 at Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill. The visitation will be from 10 a.m. to Noontime Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
November 21, 2007, Wednesday

Susan Groves

KIMMELL — Susan A. Groves, 56, of Smalley Lake died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, at Cape Coral Hospice Home, Cape Coral, Fla.

She moved to Smalley Lake near Kimmell in 1987. Her family lived throughout the U.S., and she completed her education in Connecticut.

On June 19, 1951, in Glendale, Calif., she was born to Robert and Erma (Coons) Jennings.

Surviving are her companion, Allan Groves; two sons, Michael F. Parker of Columbia City, and Jonas W. Lewis of Indianapolis; a daughter, Michelle L. Jackson of San Antonio, Texas; two stepdaughters, Wendy Groves of Paulding, Ohio, and Amy Jackson of New Haven; four grandchildren; two brothers, Bill Baker of Massachusetts, and Robert Lambertson of Connecticut; and two sisters, Jane Steeley of Syracuse, and Edith Babcock of Albion.

Graveside services will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

Garnet Slone

CROMWELL - Garnet M. Slone 63, of rural Cromwell died on Saturday, November 17, 2007 at 1:43 p.m. with her family at her side at her sister's residence in Edgewater, Florida. Mrs. Slone had been in failing health for several months.

She was born on July 19, 1944 in the town of Hunter, Floyd County, Kentucky to Lonnie and Dona (Lykens) Warrens.

Mrs. Slone was a Beautician and owned the Country Parlor in Cromwell and was a graduate of the Ravenscroft Beauty College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She loved cooking, shopping and singing to the Lord with a group from the Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier.

On May 11, 1974 in Ligonier, she married Johnnie Slone, he survives in rural Cromwell.

Other survivors include a son; John A. Slone of Albion; two daughters and son-in-laws Jennifer and her husband Chris Williams of Fort Wayne, and Natasha and her husband Jose Alcala Jr. of Ligonier, and nine grandchildren

Other survivors include three sisters; Joyce and her husband Jim Simon of Edgewater, Florida; Gertrude Ponder of Columbus, Ohio; and Esther Harrington of Chillicothe, Ohio; two brothers; Donald and his wife Peg Warrens of Edgewater, Florida and Sam and his wife Betty Jean Warrens of Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Mrs. Slone was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Willie Warrens, Curtis Warrens and Douglas Warrens and a Sister, Kathryn Gayheart.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Slone will be on Sunday, November 25, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier. Pator Jimmy Shepherd will officiate services. A special service will be conducted at the Shiloh Baptist Church on Saturday evening, November 24, at 7p.m.

Visitation will be on Friday, November 23, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the J. A. Brazzell and Ulrey - Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Burial will take place at the Sweet Cemetery, near Albion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier.

Arrangements are being conducted by the J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey - Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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November 23, 2007, Friday

Ruth Szuba

AUBURN — Ruth M. Szuba, 88, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Szuba worked as a lab technician for many years in Pittsburgh, Pa. She was a graduate of Allegheny College in Meadsville, Pa., and a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church. She served as a secretary for Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn from 1984 to 1999.

Mrs. Szuba

She was born March 2, 1919, in Pittsburgh to Merritt and Mary (Thompson) Kroft. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert W. Szuba on Jan. 26, 1946, in Pittsburgh. He died March 10, 1952.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Robert Carbaugh of Auburn; three nieces, Susan Moon, Jan Bundy and Kathy Vas; and a nephew, Bob Carbaugh.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Jean Kroft, in 1932.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Robert Graham

AUBURN — Robert H. Graham, 96, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Graham worked at the Auburn Post Office and was a former employee of Auburn Automobile Co. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Brookside Community Church in Fort Wayne and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 12, 1911, in Levi, N.M., to the late William L. and Vesta (Texter) Graham.

He married Frances (Hively) Favinger on June 25, 1944, in Mineral Oils, Texas. She died Jan. 23, 2000.

Surviving are a son, James Graham of Auburn; two daughters, Judith Ann Favinger of Urbana, Ohio, and Elin Parmelee of Paw Paw, Mich.; two grandchildren, Cindy Parmelee and Katrina Parmelee; two sisters, Ruth of North Manchester and Dorothy Graham of Auburn, Wash.; and a brother, Kenneth Graham of Butler.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, James, John, Richard and William Graham, and a sister, Helen Potts.

Services will be Saturday at noon in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery of Kimmell.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Children First Center of Auburn.

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Richard Jenkins

FORT WAYNE — Richard "Dick" Jenkins, 76, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at Canterbury Nursing and Rehab Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins worked at United Technologies-Essex for 29 years and was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Mike and Peggy Jenkins of Auburn, and Mark and Gail Jenkins, Todd and Ginny Jenkins and Troy Jenkins, all of Fort Wayne; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Denise and Wayne Lehman of Fort Wayne and Terri and Jeff Hoffman of Cape Coral, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine; and two brothers, Tom and Jon Jenkins.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Carlton Rinehart

EDON, Ohio — Carlton E. Rinehart, 78, of Edon, Ohio, died at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne after a brief illness.

Mr. Rinehart was a machinist and retired from Aro Corp. in Bryan, Ohio.

He was born April 9, 1929, in Angola to Earl and Osa (Sams) Rinehart.

Surviving are three daughters, Vickie Rinehart and Loretta Benner, both of Auburn, and Dr. Roberta Boyden of Eugene, Ore., two grandchildren; and a sister, Doris Neddleman of Boca Raton, Fla.

He was preceded in death by one sister.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery near Angola. Pastor Eric Dailey will officiate.

Calling will be tonight from 6-8 at Krill Funeral Home in Edon, Ohio.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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November 24, 2007, Saturday

Janette Pepple

AUBURN — Janette A. Pepple, 65, of Auburn died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Pepple

Mrs. Pepple was a production worker for Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 36 years, retiring in 1998.

She was born Aug. 17, 1942, in LaGrange County to Norris D. and Dorothy (Bickel) Nichols.

She married Lynn L. Pepple on June 10, 1978, in the Maple Grove United Methodist Church in rural Corunna. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Owens of Stroh; a stepdaughter and her husband, Joy and Christopher Booth of Huntertown; a granddaughter, Janette Mullins; three stepgrandchildren, Tyler Booth, Tea Booth and C.J. Booth; a sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Victor Sutton of Little Turkey Lake in LaGrange County; and a brother, Jack Nichols of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Rodney Owens, and a brother, Joe Nichols.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Al Black will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Dale Custer

GARRETT — Dale F. Custer, 82, of Garrett died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Custer

Mr. Custer was a farmer and co-owner of Custer Grain Co. until 1996, when he retired from full-time duty. He continued working on a part-time basis until 2004.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Marines.

Mr. Custer was a lifetime resident of Garrett except from 1996 to 2005, when he lived in Venice, Fla. He was a lifetime member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Auburn Moose lodge.

He was a member of South Venice Baptist Church and attended Living Waters Community Church in Garrett.

He served as president of the DeKalb County Planning Commission for 20 years and was a state champion tractor puller for three consecutive years.

He was born Dec. 10, 1924, in Garrett to A.J. and Sadie (Grube) Custer.

He married Mary Jean Custer, and they had two sons, Bruce and Brian.

He married Lori Dirr on June 6, 1982. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Teresa Custer of Spencerville and Brian and Holly Custer of Garrett; a grandson, Shane Custer; three granddaughters, Shannon Day, Ivy Merriman and Angela Custer; two great-grandsons, Aidan Custer and Douglas Merriman; a sister, Ruth Ross of Maryland; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Wayne and Martha Custer, Harold and Ann Custer and Gene and Katrina Custer, all of Garrett; and a sister-in-law, Betty Custer of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Finley Custer, and a brother-in-law, Nelson Ross.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 6 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

To sign an online guestbook or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Janet Powell

MIDDLEBURY — Janet E. Powell, 76, of Middlebury died at 9:24 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

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November 24, 2007, Saturday

Eli Sumner Jr.

AUBURN — Eli Sumner Jr., 54, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Sumner

He was born in Vicco, Ky., and was a supervisor with Waterloo Aluminum Foundry for nine years.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Amy and Charles Mann of Auburn and Bobbi Joe and Ron Elliott of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Joey and Tammy Sumner of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Lesly Prater, Derrick Kowalski, Amanda Kinder, Andrea Mann, Tami Jo Fuller, Cristan Fuller, Jeffery Salsbury, Tristan Elliott and Deserae Elliott; three brothers, Ova Wayne of Lexington, Ky., Bud Sumner of Vicco, Ky., and Esom Sumner of Auburn and Coby and Dauny Sumner, both of Rome City; and three sisters, Ann Collins of Albion and Persie Sumner and Mary Pence, both of Garrett.

His family also is expecting a great-grandson to be born in January.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eli and Hazel Sumner, a sister, Ora Lee Cody, and a brother, John David Sumner.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Clarise Tilghman

AUBURN — Clarise J. Tilghman, 78, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, in Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn, she was a waitress at Northway Inn and other Auburn restaurants for many years. She was a member of the Auburn Moose lodge and the Auburn post of the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading and sewing.

Clarise Tilghman

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Don Meschberger of Fort Wayne; two sons ahd daughters-in-law, James and Linda Tilghman of Fort Wayne and Barry and Janice Tilghman of Auburn; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; a brother, Frederick Gee of Auburn; and a sister, Jane Koch of Sebring, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Sylvia Gee; a sister, Betty Pate; and two brothers, Charles and Wayne Gee.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Cleveland Collins

KENDALLVILLE — Cleveland C. Collins, 102, of Kendallville died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at Drew's Place of Coldwater Nursing Home, Coldwater, Mich.

He was an Angola High School graduate and worked five years at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, then went to work for Kraft Foods, also in Kendallville, retiring in 1970.

He was a member of First Christian Church and the Royal Order of the Moose Lodge 1301, both in Kendallville.

He was born in Orland on Aug. 7, 1905, to Albert J. and Eva J. (Cleveland) Collins.

Survivors include a sister, Rachel Bair of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; three nieces, Norma Hampton of Eaton Rapids, Mich., Natalie Tyson of Colorado, and Martha Shaw of Coldwater, Mich; and one nephew, Michael Collins of Orland.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gladys Collins, his second wife, Maxine Collins, two brothers, four sisters, two nieces and his parents.

A memorial service will be held Monday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier officiating.

Memorials are to First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Send online condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 24, 2007, Saturday

Leo Schrock

TOPEKA — Leo E. Schrock, 70, of Topeka died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at 7:33 a.m. at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart. He had lived most of his life in LaGrange County.

He retired from Silgan Plastics in Ligonier after 18 years of employment. During his retirement, he spent his time helping the Amish community.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Topeka and enjoyed antiques and watching baseball.

He was born in Elkhart County on Oct. 4, 1937, to Ervin E. and Fannie (Miller) Schrock, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Rex Magagnotti of Valparaiso; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Leslie Schrock of Elkhart; four granddaughters, Katy, Alyssa and Julia Magagnotti, and Zoe Schrock; a sister and brother-in-law, Emma and Larry McClellan of Topeka; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Albert and Maxine Schrock of Illinois, Jacob and Nettie Schrock of Topeka, George and Martha Schrock of Ligonier and John Schrock of Mason, Mich.; and the mother of his children, Nancy Schrock of Elkhart.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, David, Joseph, Noah and Earl Schrock.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with the Rev. Gene Parker of First Baptist Church of Topeka officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church of the donor's choice.

Condolences are to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Solanik

Mrs. Solanik

CHURUBUSCO — Dorothy L. Solanik, 66, of San Antonio, Texas, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at the residence of her niece in Churubusco, where she had resided since May. She had been in failing health since before coming to live with her family in Indiana.

She worked as a secretary at Cocos Millwright in Baton Rouge, La., for 10 years before moving to San Antonio.

She was born Aug. 25, 1941, in Bradford, England, to Harry and Ada (Thompson) Newell. They preceded her in death.

She married Larry Solanik in 1967 in Bradford, England. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include a sister, Betty Lumb of Bradford, England; and a niece and her spouse, Margaret and Roger Bayford of Churubusco.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur and Richinson Newell, and a sister, Marjory Manley.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Larry Schmoekel officiating. Burial will be at a later date in San Antonio, Texas.

Calling will be Monday at the funeral home from 2 to 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Allen County Hospice and Cancer Services, Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control Shelter or the Churubusco Public Library.

Send condolences to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 25, 2007, Sunday

Steve French remembered for his determination, faith

BY TIFFANY YODER
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MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — They called him the "miracle man" for enduring as many health problems as he did.

Steve French, 58, a graduate of Angola High School, had endured a number of heart problems during his lifetime. Through his health issues, Mr. French maintained what James Engle of Aurora, Colo., described as a "rugged determination."

"I remember him most for his courage and deep faith," said Engle, a retired pastor who attended a 50s-plus group at church with Mr. French and his wife. "He just kept plugging along, one day at a time."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Steve French and his wife, Virginia, are shown this summer at their home.

He suffered his first heart attack in 1994, while living in Denver, and had undergone numerous procedures since. After several more heart attacks, 45 angioplasties and 33 stents, Mr. French received a left ventricular assist device, LVAD, in June to act as an artificial heart and bridge until receiving a transplant. The 33 stents were believed to be a record, according to his doctors.

Before receiving the LVAD, friends and family members began drawing support from the community to help Mr. French. A benefit dinner was held to help raise money to help him and his wife, Virginia "Ginny". Friends and family knew the serious nature of the situation, and they came together to support the couple.

"When a friend's in need, you help him," said Pete Padden, a friend Mr. French met through church.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. French was born Nov. 22, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Norma and Jim Wisner.

He married Virginia on May 27, 1982, in Denver.

A sports enthusiast, Mr. French loved the outdoors. He also enjoyed gospel and country music, though Elvis Presley held a special place in his heart.

He and his wife attended the Christ Lutheran Church in Macomb County, Mich.

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November 25, 2007, Sunday

Donald Mapes

KENDALLVILLE — Donald Wayne Mapes, 67, of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at 5:10 a.m. in Kendallville Manor Health Care Center. He had been ill for several years.

Mr. Mapes served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1963, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in Adak, Alaska, and on several cruises in the Mediterranean Sea. He was stationed on the U.S. Wasp when the Gemini astronauts were picked up. He was an air traffic controller and instructor, retiring as Chief Petty Officer in 1980.

Mr. Mapes

He then worked part-time at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home and Atz Furniture, both in Kendallville. He was a member of the Disabled Veterans.

He was born May 7, 1940, in Kendallville to Indiana Poet Laureate, Arthur Franklin Mapes and Ruth (Acker) Mapes. On May 7, 1960, in Fort Wayne, he married Martha L. Rimmel.

Surviving are his wife, Martha L. "Marty" Mapes of Kendallville; one son, Keith Mapes of LaGrange; four sisters and one brother-in-law, Marilyn Barrett of Owensville, Jean Frye, Darlene and Jerry Frye, and Marlene Mason, all of Kendallville; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Celine Mapes of Oceanside, Calif., Dean and Diane Mapes of Fremont, Michael and Diane Mapes of Auburn and Howard and Cheryl Mapes of Kendallville;

three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law, Bob and Cindy Miller of Fort Wayne, Marilyn Schaab of Fort Wayne and Sandra Tharp of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, the Rev. James A. Mapes, Sr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with Pastor Rich Laskowski of Harvest Community Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Karola Stoner

ANGOLA — Karola M. Stoner, 85, of Angola died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Stoner worked at the Steuben County Home in Angola after moving from Germany to the United States in 1947. She was a member of the Calvary Christian Fellowship in Howe and had been an Olympic gymnast for Germany in 1936.

Mrs. Stoner was born Feb. 28, 1922, in Frankfurt, Germany, to the late Eduard and Elisabeth (Baier) Fritz.

On Aug. 2, 1947. in Dayton, Ohio. she married Robert S. Stoner. He preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 1995.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Elisabeth and Gene Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo., Magdalene and Stephen Szabo of Largo, Fla., Victoria and Ronald Hyre of Howe and Heidi and Robert Bryan of Fremont, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the Karola Stoner Memorial Fund c/o Calvary Christian Fellowship, 6200 E – SR 120 Howe, IN 46746.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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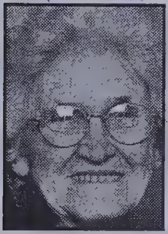
Velda Winebrenner

ALBION — Velda M. Winebrenner, 89, of rural Albion, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007 at 5:05 p.m. at her residence. She had been in failing health for the past few months.

Mrs. Winebrenner was employed as a clerk at the Burr Oak Store and then was a seamstress at the Blue Bell Co. in Columbia City.

She spent her lifetime in Noble County and graduated from Albion High School with the Class of 1936.

She was a former member of Green Center United Methodist Church and for the past 15 to 20 years was a member of the Charter Oak Church in Churubusco. She was an avid gardener and loved to be with her family on their family farm.



Mrs. Winebrenner

She was born June 14, 1918, in Green Center to William Oren and Iva Annis (Johnson) Leitch. She married Robert Ross "Mike" Winebrenner in Plymouth on April 17, 1938.

She is survived by her husband; a son and daughter-in-law, Oran J. and Carol L. Winebrenner of Fort Wayne; one sister, Donabelle Frazier of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one step great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Roberta Ott, who died in 2005; and three sisters, Eileen Breinfalk, Lois Horsewood and Freda Leitch.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Aaron Peer of the Charter Oak Church of Churubusco officiating. Burial will follow at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign a guest register or light a memorial candle in her memory, visit the Web site www.demoneygrimes.com

Shannon Puckett

KENDALLVILLE — Shannon Wayne Puckett, 37, of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Puckett was a welder and had been employed with Tenneco in Ligonier. He loved listening to music, spending time with his nephews and other members of his family, reading and most of all watching movies. He was a member of the YMCA in Kendallville.

He was born Aug. 17, 1970, in Honolulu, Hawaii to Terry Wayne and Yvonne (Alverio) Puckett.

Surviving are his father and his mother-in-law, Doris J. Puckett, in New Baden, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Tammy and Kevin Monahan of Ligonier; four brothers and a sister-in-law, John Gehlhausen, Mark and Kelly Gehlhausen, Terry Puckett and Ty Puckett; several nephews and nieces, Daniel, Dustin, Matthew and Michael Monahan, Dillon, Zachery and Elizabeth Gehlhausen; and one great nephew, Mason Monahan.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating.

J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Maxine Craig

KENDALLVILLE — Maxine Louise Craig, 87, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at Hickory Creek in Kendallville.

Mrs. Craig was a homemaker and enjoyed her family, church, traveling, boating, music and cooking.

She was a member of the American Legion Post No. 86 Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2749 Auxiliary in Kendallville.

Mrs. Craig

She was born Sept. 28, 1920, in Muncie to Charles Frederick and Thelma Orentha (Swallow) Rufenbarger.

She attended Muncie Central High School and married Paul S. Craig on Aug. 31, 1940, in Muncie.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Vicki Craig of Witmer Lake, Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Ron Hess of Witmer Lake, Wolcottville; five grandchildren and their spouses, Kathy and Bobby Krock of Witmer Lake, Jim and Abby Hess of Witmer Lake, Lori Craig of Shipshewana, Shelly Miazgowicz of Shipshewana and Monica Brady of Rome City; 10 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul, who died May 5, 1991; and two brothers, Charles Jr. and Robert Rufenbarger.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Harry Smith officiating. Burial will be at Mount Tabor Cemetery in Muncie.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at the Web site www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Grace Biedrzycki

FORT WAYNE — Grace "Gracie" C. Biedrzycki, 100, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She was born April 9, 1907, in Auburn to Paul and Mary (Knott) Leis.

She married Joseph Biedrzycki in 1924. He died in 1929.

She then married John Biedrzycki in 1944, and he died in 1998.

Surviving are a son, Robert T. Biedrzycki of Fort Wayne; one sister, Angeline Jackson of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, five great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands, five brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to an education fund in memory of Mrs. Biedrzycki.

To sign the online guestbook or to send condolences, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is handling arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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Fredrick Brandeberry

AUBURN — Fredrick H. "Fritz" Brandeberry, 78, of Auburn and formerly of Waterloo, died Nov. 24, 2007, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio.

Mr. Brandeberry worked for the Conrail Railroad for 25 years, retiring in 1987.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict from July 15, 1952, to April 4, 1956.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86 of Kendallville, the Kendallville post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1301 of Kendallville.

He was born Dec. 27, 1928, in Brimfield to Harry and Coral (Samcil) Brandeberry.

He married Alice Marie Brandeberry, who preceded him in death.

He then married Judy Baker Brandeberry. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one stepson, Kim Baker of North Carolina; three stepdaughters, Deborah Bunn of Hicksville, Ohio, Lori Slentz of Waterloo, and Jill Baker of Auburn; several stepgrandchildren, several stepgreat-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife and a sister, Dorothy Wilcox.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery with military graveside services by the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shelter Ministries of Auburn or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Steven Martin

EDON, Ohio — Steven Jay Martin, 55, of Edon, Ohio, died unexpectedly Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at his god-daughter's home in Angola.

Mr. Martin worked 25 years for Metaldyne in Edon, Ohio, as a machine operator and repairman. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served during the Vietnam War while stationed in Korea with the 199th Personnel Service Co. He enjoyed riding his Honda Shadow motorcycle.

Mr. Martin

He was born April 16, 1952, in Buffalo, N.Y. to Lu Martin and Ardath (Stump) Martin. They survive in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are his god-daughter, Amy Miller of Angola; a sister, Kimberly Martin of Indianapolis; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Larry Martin of Lansing, Mich., Daniel and Yeal Bentor Martin of Jerusalem, and John and Julie Martin of Carleton, Mich.; four nieces and two nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Donald Chesher and the Rev. John Martin officiating. Burial will be at Covenanter Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association.

Janet Powell

MIDDLEBURY — Janet E. Powell, 76, of Middlebury died unexpectedly at 9:24 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Powell was a homemaker who was very active in the choir and served as youth director at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury. She was an avid reader.

She was born Dec. 26, 1930, in Goshen to LaVoid McKibbin and Icey (Loy) Mckibbin. They preceded her in death.

She married Ray A. Powell on Sept. 9, 1950. He died Oct. 8, 1990.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, David and Dawn Powell of Middlebury, Thomas and Marjorie Powell of Tampa, Fla., Mark and Susan Powell of Kennesaw, Ga., Timothy and Teresa Powell of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister and brother-in-law, Romaine and William Beall of Manchester, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Powell

She was preceded in death by her parents; her aunt and uncle who served as her foster parents, Hobart and Bernice Farver; her husband; three sisters and seven brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury with Pastor Donn Abdon officiating. Burial will be at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Epilepsy Foundation, 8301 Professional Place, East Landover, MD 20785.

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Edward Huster Sr.

NORTH BEND, Ore. — Edward I. Huster Sr., 85, of North Bend, Ore., and formerly of Elkhart, died at 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay, Ore.

Mr. Huster was employed at Federal Paperboard for 38 years as a die maker. After his retirement, he was employed at Sterling Avenue Liquor.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he graduated from Elkhart High School. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, where he was a Sunday School superintendent.

He was born Nov. 6, 1922, in LaPorte to Phillip and Carolyn (Frank) Huster. He was married to Phyllis J. Taylor in 1948 in Elkhart. She preceded him in death in 1972.

Surviving are five daughters and two sons-in-law, Ersell Eby of Elkhart, Agatha and Gary Ferguson of Hebron, Ky., Sally Neal of North Bend, Ore., Rebecca and Randy Rema of North Bend, Ore., and Jennie Hawks of Howe; one son, Edward Huster Jr. of Maryland; one sister, Margaret Smith of Elkhart; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Violett Granapolis, Alice Corbett and Dorothy Miller; and three brothers, Wilbur, Paul and Phillip Huster.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A procession will form at 10:40 a.m. at Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home in Elkhart to go to the graveside.

There will be no calling. Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent at www.hartzlergutermuthinman.org.

Eldon Fore

NEW HAVEN — Eldon F. Fore, 79, of New Haven, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Fore retired from Tuthill Corp. in 1994 after 31 years of service.

He was a member of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, a U.S. Army veteran and a charter member of Hoosier Warbirds in Auburn and American Legion Post 330.

Mr. Fore

Born in South Bend, he was the son of the late Frederick and Florence Fore.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; his stepchildren and their spouses, Paul and Denise Grider of Auburn, Nancy and John Chromy of Redstone, Colo, Kathy King of Indianapolis, Stephen Leed of Bradenton, Fla., and Elizabeth Leed of Carrollton, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Gerald Fore; a sister, Marcella Conrad; a stepdaughter, Peggy Leed; and a stepson, David Leed.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Hwy 930 East, New Haven, with calling from noon to 2 p.m. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery at New Haven.

Memorials are to Hoosier Warbirds or Cancer Services of Allen County.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 26, 2007, Monday

Bonnie Sheley-Knowles

COLUMBIA CITY — Bonnie Mae Sheley-Knowles, 81, of Tri-Lakes, Columbia City, died at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at her Shriner Lake residence. She had been in failing health for the past two years.

Mrs. Sheley-Knowles

She graduated from Ligonier High School in 1944, and was a factory worker, secretary, waitress and employed by the Whitley County Senior Citizens, Columbia City.

She was an avid shopper and house cleaner. She liked to gamble, loved Web TV, cats and Elvis Presley, spending time with her grandchildren and visiting friends.

On July 11, 1926, she was born in Benton to Eldon Sylvester and Blossom Glee (Miller) Miller. She married DeWayne Sheley in May 1945 and was separated in 1966. In 1995 she married George DeWayne Knowles at Tri-Lakes. He survives in Columbia City.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Alosis Buchheit of Fort Wayne; a son, Bruce DeWayne Sheley of Columbia City; a grandson and spouse, Joshua and Millissa Buchheit of Fort Wayne; two great-grandchildren, Claire and Sam Buchheit, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Georgina Moser of Ligonier; two stepdaughters, Debbie Knowles of Elkhart, and Sheila of Michigan; and one stepson, Jim Knowles of Elkhart.

Her parents and twin sister Dixie Donham preceded her in death.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Deaconess Karen Kosberg Anderson, chaplain for Parkview Hospice, officiating. A private family burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Berdena Mann

ANGOLA — Former Steuben County Clerk of Courts Berdena S. Mann, 89, of Angola, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mann

Mrs. Mann had worked in the office of the clerk of courts for 19 years, with eight spent as clerk of courts.

She was a member of Angola Christian Church, a life-member of Sigma Phi Gamma sorority, member and treasurer of the Cameron Memorial Community Hospital Auxiliary, past president of Steuben County Republican Women, and a member of the Little River chapter of Sweet Adelines.

She was born Oct. 22, 1918, in Helmer to Amos and Bertha (Emerick) Steffe. Both preceded her in death. She married Harley Mann on Dec. 16, 1941. He preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 1975.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Gene Kehn of Fremont, Phyllis and Robert Clark of Hershey, Pa., and Julia and Ed Scare of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kermit Edward Mann of Angola, and David and Donna Mann of Puyallup, Wash.; a brother, Don Steffe of El Cajon, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Wanda Hafner.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church and the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 26, 2007, Monday

Donna Reigle

ARLINGTON, Ohio — Donna Mae Reigle, 87, of Arlington, Ohio, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, at 6:45 a.m. at the Good Samaritan Center in Arlington.

Mrs. Reigle

Mrs. Reigle was a waitress for many years at Stella's Restaurant in Arlington. She was a member of Arlington United Methodist Church and a former Sunday school teacher. She enjoyed writing songs and poetry and reading the Bible and library books. She especially loved her family, neighbors and pets. She was a graduate of Wharton High School.

She was born Aug. 6, 1920, in Wharton, Ohio, to Kenneth and Winifred (Krider) Long. They preceded her in death.

She married Charles E. Reigle on Aug. 15, 1940. He died Sept. 30, 1983.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly L. and Herschel Erwin of Auburn and Carol and Raymond Robinson of Findlay, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Edward E. and Linda Reigle of Findlay and Frederick E. Reigle of Alger, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; a special granddaughter next door; 21 great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Kenneth, Charles, V. "Chick" and Wesley Long.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Crates Funeral Home, 620 N. Main St., Arlington.

Calling wil be Tuesday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Arlington United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent at www.coldencrates.com.

Patsy Adams

ROME CITY — Patsy E. Adams, 73, of Rome City died at 12:04 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, in Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with a correction.*

Grace Biedrzycki

FORT WAYNE — Grace "Gracie" C. Biedrzycki, 100, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She was born April 9, 1907, in Auburn to Paul and Mary (Knott) Leis.

She married Joseph Biedrzycki in 1924. He died in 1929.

She then married John Biedrzycki in 1944, and he died in 1998.

Surviving are a son, Rober T. Biedrzycki of Fort Wayne; one sister, Angeline Jackson of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands, five brothers and three sisters.

Services were today at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are to an education fund in memory of Mrs. Biedrzycki.

To sign an online guestbook or to send condolences, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett handled arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 27, 2007, Tuesday

Crash kills Hudson woman

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STROH — Thick fog Monday morning may have contributed to a wreck that claimed the life of a Hudson woman, police said.

Cody Sholl, 17, Pleasant Lake, was on his way to school at Prairie Heights High School when he failed to stop at the intersection of C.R. 250S and S.R. 327, colliding with a vehicle driven by Catherine Fraley, 34, Hudson, at about 7:20 a.m.

Steuben County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Philip Nott said Fraley was pronounced dead at the scene by a representative of the Steuben County Coroner's Office. She died of blunt force trauma.

After Sholl's truck collided with Fraley's truck, both vehicles traveled into the field on the southwest corner of the intersection.

Though Nott said he wants to further interview Sholl before making any conclusions about the wreck, he did say fog was a factor.

"All I can say is there was some pretty thick fog in the area," Nott said. "I'm assuming that was a contributing cause."

Nott said visibility at the scene when he arrived was less than 500 feet.

Sholl sustained head and neck injuries and was transported to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola, by Steuben County Emergency Medical Service personnel. He was later transferred to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Nott said. Hospital personnel said Sholl was in stable condition this morning.

"He was conscious and talking to us at the scene," Nott said.

Fraley was wearing a seat belt but Sholl was not, Nott said.

Frances Mason

Mrs. Mason

BUTLER — Frances M. Mason, 89, of Butler died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mason was a homemaker. She attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and was a member of the Wittenberg Guild.

She was born Nov. 17, 1918, in Butler to Clarence and Rosella (Hug) Camp. They preceded her in death.

She married Thurman W. Mason on March 14, 1942, in Payne, Ohio. He died May 27, 1997.

Surviving are a son, Dennis Wayne Mason of Butler; three daughters, Doris Jean Hoffer of Bluffton, Carma Lou Collins of Butler and Charlene Faye Knoblauch of Angola; 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Eileen Word and Dorothy Mavis, both of Edgerton, Ohio, and Mabel Osborne of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Camp, and two sisters, Marjorie Vondran and Mary Alice Olds.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church, the Diabetes Association or the DeKalb County Heart Association.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 27, 2007, Tuesday

John Steckley

POMONA PARK, Fla. — John F. Steckley, 91, of Pomona Park, Fla., formerly of Kendallville, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, at Putman Community Medical Center, Palatka, Fla., due to a recent illness.

Mr. Steckley

He had been a resident of Putnam County for 53 years, first living in Palatka and later Pomona Park.

Mr. Steckley was a World War II veteran serving in the Merchant Marines. While serving in a convoy to Mermansk, Russia, half of the ships in his convoy were sunk.

The Chicago Technical Institute graduate completed one year of college at Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind.

In 1980 he retired as office manager from the Florida Department of Transportation in East Palatka after 14 years of service. He was formerly employed by J.C. Penney in Palatka and Sherwin-Williams in Palatka.

He was a member of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Pomona Park where he had served as a deacon and in several other capacities. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 202, Keystone Heights, the American Merchant Marines Veterans in Jacksonville, Woodmen of the World, Lodge 7, Palatka, and a charter member of the Lake Broward Association.

In Kendallville on Nov. 16, 1916, he was born to Frank John Steckley and Marie Plescher Steckley Myers. He married Lucille Irene Parker on July 3, 1938, in the Church of Christ in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Linda Steckley of Green Cove Springs, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Vern Highley of Satsuma, Fla.; a half-brother and his spouse, Lee A. and Donna Myers of Auburn; two grandchildren and their spouses, Anita and Robert Poehlman of Green Cove Springs, Fla., and Lisa and Henry Maldonado of Jacksonville, Fla.; four great-grandchildren, Ashley Johnston, Patrick Green, Brandon Geiger and Nicole Maldonado; and numerous other family members.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a sister, Virginia Simon, and two stepsisters, Rudy Uhl and Virginia Miller.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Masters Funeral Home, Palatka, with the Rev. Robert Fullerton officiating. Burial will be in Palatka Memorial Gardens.

Calling is today from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center, 6400 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL 32177 or Rodeheavers Boys Ranch, 380 Boys Ranch Road, Palatka, FL 32177.

Samuel Wilcox

ANGOLA — Samuel Wilcox, 73, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Patsy Adams

ROME CITY — Patsy Ellen Adams, 73, of Rome City died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, in Wesley Healthcare, Auburn, where she had been a resident since April.

She was a lifetime area resident.

She was a bookkeeper, previously working at Flint & Walling, Food Town Supermarket and Miller's Trucking. She was an accountant at the Northeastern Center, and last worked at Midwest Molding.

She was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church, and enjoyed collecting glass baskets, decorating cakes and was an avid gardener. She graduated from Rome City High School in 1952.

In Noble County, she was born on Jan. 27, 1934, to E.C. and Waunetta (Brown) Cook.

Surviving are a son, David C. Adams of Cromwell; seven sisters and three brothers-in-law, Edith Sprandel and James Walter of Kendallville, Inez and Charles Mynhier of Wawaka, Carolyn DePew and Ruth and Paul Rupert, all of Ligonier, Jeri Witham of Rome City, Bev and Tim Oesch of Topeka, and Sandi Kelley and Cliff Conley of Vandallia, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest J. and Janet Cook of Wawaka; and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents and a niece preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Orange Cemetery, Rome City, with the Rev. Omer Nisley of Brimfield United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences are to www.youngfamilyfuneral-home.com.

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Esther Gehring

KENDALLVILLE — Esther M. Gehring, 78, of Kendallville died at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mrs. Gehring

She had worked at the Kendallville Laundry and McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and the Young at Heart Bible Study group. She was also a volunteer at Shepherd of the Hill.

On Nov. 24, 1929, she was born in Noble County to Kenneth and Flora (Hasselman) Gehring.

Surviving are two sisters, Evelyn Shumaker of Kendallville, and Phyllis McCarty of Avilla; two brothers and sisters-in-law, William "Bill" and Fran Gehring, and Ken and Bonnie Gehring, all of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul R. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville IN 46755.

Condolences are to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to list an additional surviving relative.*

Clarise Tilghman

AUBURN — Clarise J. Tilghman, 78, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tilghman

Born in Auburn, she was a waitress at Northway Inn and other Auburn restaurants for many years. She was a member of the Auburn Moose lodge and the Auburn post of the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading and sewing.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Don Meschberger of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Linda Tilghman of Fort Wayne and Barry and Janice Tilghman of Auburn; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; a brother, Frederick Gee of Auburn; and a sister, Jane Koch of Sebring, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold E. Tilghman, who died in 1998; her parents, Fred and Sylvia Gee; a sister, Betty Pate; and two brothers, Charles and Wayne Gee.

Services were Monday at 11 a.m in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial was in Alton Cemetery at St. Joe.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Lucille Weeks-Viles

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille Weeks-Viles, 79, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was employed at Ball State University in the food service department until her retirement in 1995.

She was a member of the Muncie Chapter 104 Order of Eastern Star, and the Kendallville Women of the Moose, Chapter 1301. She graduated from Salem High School in Salem, Ind.

On Nov. 3, 1928, she was born in Salem to Clarence and Lola (Hall) Criswell.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Claudette R. and Bill Lear of Kendallville; a son-in-law, Joe Hudson of Indianapolis; grandchildren Zachary and Drew Lear of Kendallville, Jamie and Lee Ann Smith and Jason and Regina Smith, all of Paducah, Ky., Julie and Rich Russell of Brownsburg, Ind., Joey Hudson of Indianapolis, Honesty, Holly, Dustin and Tiara Weeks, all of Muncie; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Wilma Martin of Waynesboro, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by three children, Claudia Ann Weeks, Claude Weeks and Deborah Weeks-Hudson, three sisters, Irene Braneman, Kathleen Smedley and Virginia Ratts, a brother, Clarence "Bud" Criswell, and her husband, Claude Weeks, who died in 1956.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Parson Mortuary, 801 W. Adams St., Muncie, where the Order of Eastern Star will conduct a memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Elm Ridge Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society, 1305 S. Sherman St., Kendallville IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent online to www.parsonsmortuary.com.

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Dean Mayer

FREMONT — Dean L. Mayer, 84, of Fremont died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Mayer was employed by the Babcock and Wilcox Research Center in Alliance, Ohio, for 36 years, retiring in 1986 as a research specialist in materials processing. He was a decorated combat veteran of World War II.

He had received engineering degrees from Tri-State University. He was a long-time member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society for Metals and was credited with numerous patents and technical papers. He spent nearly 20 years as an adult leader for the Boy Scouts of America, and received the Lexington Ruritan Outstanding Scoutmaster Award in 1972. He was a member of American Legion post No. 31 in Angola, Angola post No. 7205 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Chapter No. 43 of the Disabled Veterans of America, and Lodge No. 2398 of the Elks. He was treasurer of the Snow Lake Cottagers Association for a number of years. He was an active member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

He was born on Oct. 24, 1923, in North Canton, Ohio, to Clyde and Jeanette (Rabel) Mayer, who both preceded him in death. He was married for 56 years to Marjorie Jean (Gorman) Mayer. She survives.

He is also survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Norman and Carol Sue Mayer of North Fort Myers, Fla., Russel and Susan Mayer of Cincinnati, Steven Mayer of Fremont, and Roger and Barbara Mayer of North Canton; a daughter and son-in-law, Lynne and Conrad Humphrey of Farmington Hills, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald Clyde Mayer.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to either the Angola United Methodist Church building fund or the Boy Scouts of America.

Ralph Rader

BERKELEY, Calif. — Ralph W. Rader, 77, of Berkeley, Calif., formerly of Angola, died Nov. 23, 2007.

Mr. Rader

Mr. Rader was Professor Emeritus of English at the University of California, Berkeley.

With an undergraduate degree from Purdue followed by a doctorate from Indiana University, Rader joined the Berkeley faculty in 1956, where he had a distinguished and varied career as a scholar, teacher, and administrator. He is recognized for his study of Alfred Lord Tennyson, his essays on Boswell's "Life of Johnson," James Joyce's "Portrait of the Artist" and "Ulysses," as well as a series of seminal essays in which he developed an original and influential interpretation of the emergence and development of the English novel as a form. His work is cited in biographies and encyclopedias. Rader was an engaged and beloved teacher who taught by the Socratic method. His graduate students have been widely successful as teachers, administrators, and as writers both scholarly and commercial. Rader served as chair of the Department of English from 1976–80 and again from 1994–96. He was awarded a campus Distinguished Teaching Award in 1976 and was honored on his retirement with the Berkeley Citation "for distinguished achievement and notable service to the University." He was raised in Steuben County near Angola and graduated valedictorian from Flint High School in 1948.

He was born in Muskegon, Mich. on May 18, 1930, to Ralph McCoy and Nelle (Fargo) Rader. He married June Warring on Sept. 3, 1950, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Lois Wilson, of Paris, and Nancy and Emily Rader, of Berkeley; two sons, Eric Rader of Manteca, Calif., and Michael Rader of Los Osos, Calif.; and four grandchildren, Trevor and Christopher Rader and Mathiesen and Addie Nelle Norgaard.

Services will be private. A memorial service is being planned by the family in conjunction with the University of California, Berkeley, English Department.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association in memory of Ralph W. Rader.

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Betty Dunn

AUBURN — Betty M. Dunn, 85, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Dunn worked at Messenger Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1974. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 15, 1922, in Garrett to Ralph and Geraldine (Johnson) Vallance. They preceded her in death.

She married Victor Dunn on July 25, 1942, in Fort Wayne. He died Jan. 26, 1993.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard Dunn of Butler, Max and Kristi Dunn of Helmer and Steve and Deanna Dunn of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, LuAnn and Kevin Gustason of Evergreen, Colo.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and a brother, John Smith of Florida.

She was preceded in death by three brothrs, Bill Vallance, Albert Smith and David Sterling, and a grandson, Rod Dunn.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Babasino Fernandez officiating. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 4 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Soup Kitchen or to Masses at the church.

Charlene Marquis

ANGOLA — Charlene R. Marquis, 74, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Marquis had been office manager at Lime-O-Sol in Ashley before retiring in 1995. She was a 1951 graduate of Peru High School.

She was born April 13, 1933, in Peru to Donald L. and Hanna (Whitezel) Sharp. She married Alvin E. "Buss" Marquis Nov. 1, 1953, in Peru. He preceded her in death June 18, 2004.

Surviving are a son, Brian Marquis of Plainfield; one daughter, Susan Byrne of Angola; three grandchildren, Scott Byrne, Todd Byrne and Tracy Byrne; and one sister, Linda Martz of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Rita Yarbrough.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home in Peru, with the Rev. Ronald L. Bowland officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park in Cass County.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are through the funeral home to the Peru Grace Brethren Church.

Catherine Fraley

ANGOLA — Catherine A. Fraley, 34, of Angola, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, near Pleasant Lake.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home on Angola.

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William Hein

NEW HAVEN — William D. Hein, 97, of New Haven died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Hein

He retired from Tokheim Corp. in 1975 after 49 years of service.

The U.S. Army veteran served in World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 330.

Surviving are two nieces, six nephews and many great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven. Burial will be in Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Betty Oswalt

FORT WAYNE — Betty Oswalt, 87, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007.

Mrs. Oswalt

Mrs. Oswalt was a devoted registered nurse for 53 years,

She married Robert Oswalt on July 22, 1950, in Muncie. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve, Mark and Patrice and Scott and Donna; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Jerry Teders and Ann and Michael Dunfee; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be today at 1 p.m in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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Edith Wise

KENDALLVILLE — Edith H. Wise, 97, of Kendallville, formerly of LaGrange, died at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

Besides working on the farm in Plato with her first husband, Wise was a dietician for many years at LaGrange Hospital, and also a vital part of a group of Plato community women who worked diligently to reopen the previously abandoned Plato United Methodist Church during the 1940s.

Wise accompanied Drs. Flannigan and Studebaker as they made house calls to deliver local babies where she washed and dressed the infants and assisted in caring for the mothers.

During her second marriage, she traveled with her husband to Orlando, Fla., in the winter and returned to the LaGrange area in the summer.

She enjoyed several years as the matriarch of a five-generation family.

On Aug. 10, 1910, in Nottawa, Mich., she was born to Oren and Jessie (Carlisle) Krontz. She was married to Lester Holcomb until his death in 1970. She married Hubert Wise on Dec. 31, 1972. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Surviving are three grandsons and two of their spouses, Tom and Connie Combs of Syracuse, Michael and Donna Holcomb of LaGrange, and Yale Holcomb of Tulsa, Okla.; two granddaughters and their spouses, Connie (Combs) and Mike Baker of Avilla, and Gwen (Holcomb) and Bill Baird of New Haven; a son-in-law and two daughters-in-law, Dale and Doris Combs of Kendallville, and Dee Holcomb of Florida; and a special friend, Doris Dunkel of LaGrange.

In addition to her two husbands, her parents, three children, Howard and Glen Holcomb and Betty Holcomb Combs, and a daughter-in-law, Ruby Holcomb, preceded her in death.

A private family service will be at a later date at the request of Mrs. Wise.

Memorials are to New Adventures Learning Center, Shepherd of the Hill, P.O. Box 429, Kendallville, IN 46755 to benefit the intergenerational programming she enjoyed while living at Shepherd of the Hill.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Elwin Arney

COLDWATER, Mich. — Elwin C. Arney, 94, of Coldwater, Mich., died early Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

He worked for 32 years at the Clark Equipment Co. in Battle Creek as a tool and die maker, retiring in 1974.

He enjoyed shooting sports and was a several time Senior Skeet Champion in the state of Florida. He also earned many awards in Michigan for rifle and shotgun. He was also a former member of the Masonic Lodge in Sherwood and a member of the St. Joseph County Sportsman's Club.

Mr. Arney was born July 9, 1913, in Lansing, Mich., a twin son of Aura and Blanche (Gammons) Arney. He graduated from Oak Park (Mich.) High School in 1931 and moved to Union City, Mich., in 1932. Elwin married Margaret Parks on June 20, 1936 in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly Oliver of Sherwood, Mich., and Wanda Elaine and Norman Stanton of Orland; son and daughter-in-law, David and Connie Arney of Delton, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Frey of Leslie, Mich., and Marian Holy of Battle Creek, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, his twin brother Erwin, another brother and a sister.

A graveside service for the twin brothers will be held at the Sherwood Township Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the St. Joseph County Sportsmans Club.

Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.kolcz.com.

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Erwin Arney

SHERWOOD, Mich. — Erwin Arney, 94, of Sherwood, Mich., died late Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at Quincy Manor in Quincy, Mich.

He worked his entire career as a tool and die maker for Clark Equipment Co. in Battle Creek, Mich., retiring in 1972.

Mr. Arney was a life member of the Masonic Lodge in Sherwood and a long time member of the St. Joseph County Sportsman's Club. He was a champion at skeet, trap and rifle and enjoyed competing. He was an avid outdoor sportsman, enjoying fishing, hunting and especially shooting sports.

He was born July 10, 1913, in Lansing, Mich., a twin son of Aura and Blanche (Gammons) Arney and was a longtime resident of the Sherwood area. He graduated from Oak Park (Mich.) High School in 1931.

He is survived by two sisters, Marian Holy of Battle Creek and Margaret Frey of Leslie, Mich., and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and a brother, Aura Arney. A luncheon at the Sherwood Masonic Temple will follow the service.

Services for Mr. Arney and his twin brother Elwin will be held at the Sherwood Township Cemetery at12:30 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the Erwin Arney Scholarship Fund.

Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.kolcz.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information.*

Eli Sumner Jr.

AUBURN — Eli Sumner Jr., 54, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born in Vicco, Ky., and was a supervisor with Waterloo Aluminum Foundry for nine years.

Mr. Sumner

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Amy and Charles Mann of Auburn and Bobbi Joe and Ron Elliott of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Joey and Tammy Sumner of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Lesly Prater, Derrick Kowalski, Amanda Kinder, Andrea Mann, Tami Jo Fuller, Cristan Fuller, Jeffery Salsbury, Tristan Elliott and Deserae Elliott; five brothers, Ova Wayne of Lexington, Ky., Bud Sumner of Vicco, Ky., and Esom Sumner of Auburn and Coby and Dauny Sumner, both of Rome City; and three sisters, Ann Collins of Albion and Persie Sumner and Mary Pence, both of Garrett.

He was expecting a great-grandson to be born in January.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eli and Hazel Sumner, a sister, Ora Lee Cody, and a brother, John David Sumner.

Services were Monday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Thomas Mann officiating. Burial was in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Samuel Wilcox

ANGOLA — Samuel Wilcox, 73, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilcox was a self-employed landscaper and an Army veteran.

He was a member of Calvary Temple Pentecostal Church of God in Angola.

He was born on April, 25, 1934, in Pleasant Lake to Sheldon and Elsie (Freed) Wilcox, who both preceded him in death.

He is survived by his former wife, Alice Dobbs of Oklahoma; four stepsons, Billy Dobbs of Angola, Allen Dobbs and Jesse Dobbs, both of Michigan, and Red Dobbs of Texas; a stepdaughter, Gail Lambert of Angola; several stepgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by eight brothers, Robert, Walter, Sylvester, Warren, Clayton, Jacky, Donald, and Edward; and seven sisters, Arlene Harmon, Irene Griffin, Edna Ferris, Mary Jordan, Ruth Fisher, Priscilla Wilcox and Angelina Wilcox.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Vincent Torres officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, care of Missy Wilcox.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Dorsey Speer

AUBURN — Dorsey E. Speer, 83, of Auburn died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Speer

Mr. Speer worked for Dilgard and Cline Furniture Store and Funeral Home for 24 years, for Brand Mobile Home Sales in Waterloo, Rohm Chevrolet, Ben Davis Chevrolet and then for Feller Furniture Store and Funeral Home until he retired in 1997.

Mr. Speer served as a member of the Auburn City Council for 16 years. He served during World War II in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church and was very active in the Salvation Army. He was a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and the Auburn Rotary Club, a past president of the Auburn Jaycees and a member of the Royal Order of the Garter and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 2, 1924, in Auburn to Trevor and Alice (Webster) Speer. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruth Emerson on Dec. 25, 1946. She died Jan. 22, 2001.

Surviving are a son, Dorsey E. "Skip" Speer Jr. of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jerilyn "Jeri" and Wally Walburn of Ely, Minn., and Deborah and Greg McClure of Auburn; two sisters, Marma LaRowe of Garrett and Dolene Fisher of Angola; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Leland Speer.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Jess Jessup and the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Richard Webber

FREMONT — Richard Neal "Dick" Webber, 76, of Fremont died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Webber had worked as a traffic manager at Courier Newsom Trucking, retiring in 1980.

He was a graduate of Fort Wayne Central High School.

He was born Dec. 22, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Emment and Anna Pauline Webber. Both preceded him in death. He was married to Barbara Lou (Disler) Webber. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving is a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Frederick McClure of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters and their spouses, April and Dan Carries and Ashley and John Haney; two great-granddaughters, Clarissa and Amanda Carries; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Carole Webber of Englewood, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Marion Webber of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Jack Webber.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to the Allen County Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Guillermina Ruvalcaba

LIGONIER — Guillermina Ruvalcaba, 47, of Ligonier died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at her Ligonier residence. She had been battling cancer for the past three years.

She came to the Ligonier area from Chicago eight years ago, and worked for Group Dekko in Kendallville prior to becoming ill. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, a wonderful cook and loved spending time with her family.

On Oct. 29, 1960, in Tabasco, Zacatecas, Mexico, she was born to Ramon and Elvira (Rodriguez) Villa. Her father survives in Ligonier and her mother preceded her in death. She married Silverio Ruvalcaba in Tobasco. He survives in Ligonier.

Also suriviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Horacio and Rosalina Ruvalcaba, Silverio and Alondra Ruvalcaba and Oscar Ruvalcaba, all of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Rosaura and Luis Fernando of Ligonier; and four grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent online to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Carleton Walbolt

FREMONT — Carleton G. Walbolt, 93, of Fremont died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in New Carlisle.

Mr. Walbolt was a retired farmer.

He was a graduate of Waterville (Ohio) High School. He moved to Fremont in 1951. His hobbies included playing cards, shuffle board, traveling and being outdoors. He was a former member of the Fremont International Order of Odd Fellows lodge, as well as the Fremont Knights of Pythias lodge.

Mr. Walbolt

He was born March 3, 1914, in Waterville, Ohio, to John and Anna (Eckard) Walbolt, who both preceded him in death. He married Olive Thorp on Jan. 14, 1938, in Toledo, Ohio. She preceded him in death on Sept. 30, 2000.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Roger Barry of Fremont, and Barbara and Charles Conway of New Carlisle; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Terri Walbolt of Walton; a son-in-law, Wendell Cooper of Fremont; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Cooper; a sister Margaret Almund; and a brother, William Walbolt.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral home in Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fremont United Methodist Church, the American Cancer Society, or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Catherine Fraley

HUDSON — Catherine A. "Cathy" Fraley, 34, of Hudson died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, in Stroh.

Ms. Fraley worked at Tenneco in Angola.

She was born Oct. 13, 1973, in Coldwater, Mich., to Louie Fraley and Patricia (Krontz) Shaw. Her mother survives in Orland.

She is also survived by two children, Austin and Brittany; a stepfather, Gary Shaw of Orland; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Lourie Fraley of Azle, Texas, Martin and Jane Fraley of Kendallville; Anthony "Tony" and Carol Fraley of Waterloo, and Lou and Sheila Fraley of Orland; a sister and brother-in-law, Jeanette and Bill Kelley of Ashley; and two stepsisters and a spouse, Stacey and Chris Polling, and Beth Patrick, all of Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the children of Cathy Fraley, care of Jeanette and Bill Kelley.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Lois Wall

TUCSON, Ariz. — Lois E. Wall, 92, of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Orland, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, in Tucson.

Mrs. Wall was a homemaker.

She had formerly lived in the Jackson, Mich. area, and had lived in Tucson for the last 46 years.

She was born on Nov. 12, 1915, to Willis Ray and Florence Blanche (Squires) Miller, in Branch County, Mich. Both preceded her in death. She married Victor Earl Wall on Aug. 25, 1934. He preceded her in death on April 10, 2000.

She is survived by several nieces, including Linda Baldwin of Coldwater, who has served as a caregiver in Tucson; nephews; and close friends.

She was also preceded in death by brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 28, 2007, Wednesday

Velda M. Winebrenner, 89

Velda M. Winebrenner, 89, of rural Albion, Noble County, IN passed away at her residence on Friday, November 23, 2007 at 5:05 p.m. She had been in failing health for the past few months. She was born in Green Center, IN on June 14, 1918 to William Oren and Iva Annis (Johnson) Leitch.

She has spent her lifetime in Noble County and graduated from Albion High School with the Class of 1936. She was married to Robert Ross "Mike" Winebrenner in Plymouth, IN on April 17, 1938. She was employed as a clerk at the Burr Oak Store and then was a seamstress at the Blue Bell Company, Columbia City. She was a former member of Green Center United Methodist Church and for the past 15-20 years she has been a member of the Charter Oak Church, Churubusco, IN. She was an avid gardener and loved to be with her family on their family farm.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 70 years, Robert Ross "Mike" Winebrenner, Albion, IN; one son, Oran J. (Carol L.) Winebrenner, Fort Wayne, IN; one sister, Donabelle Frazier, Fort Wayne, IN; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one step great great grandchild. She is preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Roberta Ott who passed away in 2005 and three sisters, Eileen Breinfalk, Lois Horsewood and Freda Leitch.

Funeral services were held at the Demoney and Grimes Funeral Home with Pastor Aaron Peer of the Charter Oak Church, Churubusco, officiating. Burial followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, IN. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Winebrenner's memory, please log on to www.demoneygrimes.com

Eli Sumner Jr., 54

AUBURN — Eli Sumner Jr., 54, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born in Vicco, Ky., and was a supervisor with Waterloo Aluminum Foundry for nine years.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Amy and Charles Mann of Auburn and Bobbi Joe and Ron Elliott of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Joey and Tammy Sumner of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Lesly Prater, Derrick Kowalski, Amanda Kinder, Andrea Mann, Tami Jo Fuller, Cristan Fuller, Jeffery Salsbury, Tristan Elliott and Deserae Elliott; three brothers, Ova Wayne of Lexington, Ky., Bud Sumner of Vicco, Ky., and Esom Sumner of Auburn and Coby and Dauny Sumner, both of Rome City; and three sisters, Ann Collins of Albion and Persie Sumner and Mary Pence, both of Garrett.

His family also is expecting a great-grandson to be born in January.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eli and Hazel Sumner, a sister, Ora Lee Cody, and a brother, John David Sumner.

Services were at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 28, 2007, Wednesday

Garnet M. Slone, 63

CROMWELL — Garnet M. Slone, 63, of rural Cromwell died at 1:43 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, with her family at her side at her sister's residence in Edgewater, Fla. She had been in failing health for several months.

Mrs. Slone was a beautician and owned Country Parlor in Cromwell. She graduated from Ravenscroft Beauty College in Fort Wayne, and loved cooking, shopping and singing to the Lord with a group from Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier.

On July 19, 1944, in Hunter, Floyd County, Ky., she was born to Lonnie and Dona (Lykens) Warrens. She married Johnnie Slone in Ligonier on May 11, 1974. He survives in rural Cromwell.

Other survivors include a son, John A. Slone of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Chris Williams of Fort Wayne, and Natasha and Jose Alcala Jr. of Ligonier; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Joyce and Jim Simon of Edgewater, Fla., Gertrude Ponder of Columbus, Ohio, and Esther Harrington of Chillicothe, Ohio; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Peg Warrens of Edgewater, Fla., and Sam and Betty Jean Warrens of Wheelersburg, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

Her parents, three brothers, William, Curtis and Douglas Warrens, and a sister, Kathryn Gayheart, preceded her in death.

Services were at Shiloh Baptist Church, Ligonier, with Pastor Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier.

Mabel M. Gilmore, 82

HUNTERTOWN — Mabel M. Gilmore, 82, of Huntertown died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Gilmore enjoyed painting, sewing and cake decorating. She was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 82.

She was born May 2, 1925, in Fort Wayne to James and Charlotte (Mausnest) Smith.

Surviving are a son, James Gilmore of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Karole Bednarczyk of Garrett, Michelle Gilmore of San Diego, Calif., and Lori Winebrenner of Avilla; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, James E. Smith of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Karl.

There will be no services or calling. Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 28, 2007, Wednesday

John F. Steckley, 90

POMONA PARK, FL - John F. Steckley, 90, of Pomona Park, FL, passed away on Sunday November 25, 2007 at Putnam Community Medical Center in Palatka, FL due to a recent illness.

He had been a resident of Putnam County, FL for the past 53 years, first living in Palatka and later in Pomona Park. He was a veteran of World War II where he served in the Merchant Marines. While serving in a convoy to Mermansk, Russia half of the ships in his convoy were sunk. He was a graduate of the Chicago Technical Institute and completed one year of college at Purdue University in Lafayette. In 1980 he retired as an office manager from the Florida Department of Transportation in East Palatka after 14 years of service. He was formerly employed by J. C. Penney in Palatka and Sherwin-Williams in Palatka. He was a member of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Pomona Park where he had served as a Deacon and in several other capacities. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #202, Keystone Heights, the American Merchant Marines Veterans in Jacksonville, Woodmen of the World, Lodge #7, Palatka and a Charter Member of the Lake Broward Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Steckley and Marie Steckley Myers; a sister, Virginia Simon and two step-sisters, Ruby Uhl and Virginia Miller.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Lucille P. Steckley of Pomona Park; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Linda Steckley of Green Cove Springs, FL; one daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Vern Highley of Satsuma, FL; a half-brother, Lee A. and Donna Myers of Auburn; two grandchildren and spouses, Anita and Robert Poehlman of Green Cove Springs, FL and Lisa and Henry Maldonado of Jacksonville, FL; four great-grandchildren, Ashley Johnston, Patrick Garren, Brandon Geiger and Nicole Maldonado along with numerous other family members.

The family received friends at Masters Funeral Home of Palatka. Funeral services were at the funeral home with Rev. Robert Fullerton officiating. Interment followed in the Palatka Memorial Gardens.

Flowers are gratefully accepted or memorial gifts may be sent to Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center, 6400 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL 32177 or to Rodeheavers Boys Ranch, 380 Boys Ranch Road, Palatka, FL 32177.

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka, FL is in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
November 29, 2007, Thursday

Bonnie Sheley-Knowles

COLUMBIA CITY — Bonnie Mae Sheley-Knowles, 81, of Tri-Lakes, Columbia City, died at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at her Shriner Lake residence. She had been in failing health for the past two years.

She graduated from Ligonier High School in 1944, and was a factory worker, secretary, waitress and employed by the Whitley County Senior Citizens, Columbia City.

Mrs. Sheley-Knowles

She was an avid shopper and house cleaner. She liked to gamble, loved Web TV, cats and Elvis Presley, spending time with her grandchildren and visiting friends.

On July 11, 1926, she was born in Benton to Eldon Sylvester and Blossom Glee (Miller) Miller. She married DeWayne Sheley in May 1945 and was separated in 1966. In 1995 she married George DeWayne Knowles at Tri-Lakes. He survives in Columbia City.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Alosis Buchheit of Fort Wayne; a son, Bruce DeWayne Sheley of Columbia City; a grandson and spouse, Joshua and Millissa Buchheit of Fort Wayne; two great-grandchildren, Claire and Sam Buchheit, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Georgina Moser of Ligonier; two stepdaughters, Debbie Knowles of Elkhart, and Sheila of Michigan; and one stepson, Jim Knowles of Elkhart.

Her parents and twin sister Dixie Donham preceded her in death.

Services were at 3 p.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Deaconess Karen Kosberg Anderson, chaplain for Parkview Hospice, officiating. A private family burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Guillermina Ruvalcaba

LIGONIER — Guillermina Ruvalcaba, 47, of Ligonier died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at her Ligonier residence. She had been battling cancer for the past three years.

She came to the Ligonier area from Chicago eight years ago, and worked for Group Dekko in Kendallville prior to becoming ill. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, a wonderful cook and loved spending time with her family.

On Oct. 29, 1960, in Tabasco, Zacatecas, Mexico, she was born to Ramon and Elvira (Rodriguez) Villa. Her father survives in Ligonier and her mother preceded her in death. She married Silverio Ruvalcaba in Tobasco. He survives in Ligonier.

Also suriviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law Horacio and Rosalina Ruvalcaba, Silverio and Alondra Ruvalcaba and Oscar Ruvalcaba, all of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Rosaura and Luis Fernando of Ligonier; and four grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 4:30 p.m. today at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling was Wednesday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent online to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
November 29, 2007, Thursday

Patsy Adams

ROME CITY — Patsy Ellen Adams, 73, of Rome City died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, in Wesley Healthcare, Auburn, where she had been a resident since April.

She was a lifetime area resident.

She was a bookkeeper, previously working at Flint & Walling, Food Town Supermarket and Miller's Trucking. She was an accountant at the Northeastern Center, and last worked at Midwest Molding.

She was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church, and enjoyed collecting glass baskets, decorating cakes and was an avid gardener. She graduated from Rome City High School in 1952.

In Noble County, she was born on Jan. 27, 1934, to E.C. and Waunetta (Brown) Cook.

Surviving are a son, David C. Adams of Cromwell; seven sisters and three brothers-in-law, Edith Sprandel and James Walter of Kendallville, Inez and Charles Mynhier of Wawaka, Carolyn DePew and Ruth and Paul Rupert, all of Ligonier, Jeri Witham of Rome City, Bev and Tim Oesch of Topeka, and Sandi Kelley and Cliff Conley of Vandallia, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Ernest J. and Janet Cook of Wawaka; and several nieces and nephews.

Her parents and a niece preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. today at Orange Cemetery, Rome City, with the Rev. Omer Nisley of Brimfield United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling was Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences are to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Shannon Pucket

KENDALLVILLE — Shannon Wayne Puckett, 37, of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Puckett was a welder and had been employed with Tenneco in Ligonier. He loved listening to music, spending time with his nephews and other members of his family, reading and most of all watching movies. He was a member of the YMCA in Kendallville.

He was born Aug. 17, 1970, in Honolulu, Hawaii to Terry Wayne and Yvonne (Alverio) Puckett.

Surviving are his father and his mother-in-law, Doris J. Puckett, in New Baden, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Tammy and Kevin Monahan of Ligonier; four brothers and a sister-in-law, John Gehlhausen, Mark and Kelly Gehlhausen, Terry Puckett and Ty Puckett; several nephews and nieces, Daniel, Dustin, Matthew and Michael Monahan, Dillon, Zachery and Elizabeth Gehlhausen; and one great nephew, Mason Monahan.

Graveside services were Monday at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating.

J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

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Vance Keister

ALBION — Vance "Kook" Keister, 74, of rural Albion died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville after a two-year illness.

Mr. Keister was a railroader for 44 years with the former B&O Railroad, now known as CSX.

He served his country during the Korean conflict in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Keister was a 51-year member of American Legion Post 242 in Albion and a longtime member of the Albion Eagles.

He was member of the board of directors of the Central Noble Food Pantry in Albion. He received the Givers of Gifts Award from the Noble County Community Foundation for his duties with the food pantry.

Mr. Keister was born on Dec. 3, 1932, in Albion to Clarence and Maude (Thompson) Keister. He married Ardith McDonald on June 29, 1956. She survives in rural Albion.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Linda Keister and Steve and Sandra Kesiter, all of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Mike Norris of Albion; eight grandchildren, Jodie French, Jamie Teders, Bambi Bode, Amber Patte, Ashley and Steven Keister, Kolten Bode and Lacey Burkhart; eight great-grandchildren; three brothers, Danny Keister of New York, Amos Keister of Illinois, Loren Keister of Albion; three sisters, Eloise Miller of Albion, Betty Schlotter of Oklahoma and Pat Iddings of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Makota Norris; a sister, Dorothy Workman; and a brother, Nicholas John Keister.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Doug Keenan of Berean Baptist Church in Albion officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, with full military graveside rites by American Legion Post 242 of Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospital. The Keister family also suggests that blood donations be made to the American Red Cross in Mr. Keister's name.

To view the obituary online or to send condolences, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

William Cassady Jr.

SPENCER — William Haxton Cassady Jr., 85, of New Albany and formerly of Spencer, died at his home Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007.

Mr. Cassady was born in Spencer to William Haxton and Marian (Bixler) Cassady. He attended Purdue University, where he was president of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering.

He received his commission in the U.S. Navy at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He served in the Naval Submarine Service during World War II aboard the USS Archerfish.

In 1982, he retired from Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co. in Auburn. He then attended Sullivan University and graduated summa cum laude as a paralegal and worked for the law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant, & Combs in Louisville, Ky. He was an active volunteer at Northeastern Center and Youth for Christ in Auburn and taught GED students at Providence House in New Albany.

Surviving are his wife of 21 years, Jama Sue Cassady; three sons and daughters-in-law Scott and Jane Cassady of Athens, Ga., William and Jackie Cassady of Carrollton, Texas, and Greg and Pam Cassady of Auburn; a stepson and his wife, Tracy and Karen Dietrich of Roanoke Rapids, N.C.; two stepdaughters Kimberly Sue Dietrich of Auburn and Kamala Kay Dietrich of New Albany; three granddaughters, five grandsons, two great-granddaughters, three great-grandsons, seven stepchildren, and a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann and Paul Crommelin of Willow Street, Pa.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Billy.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at the West & Parrish & Pedigo Funeral Home in Spencer. The Rev. Eric Erickson will officiate. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the American Parkinson Disease Association or the Kidney Foundation.

Online condolences may be sent to Mr. Cassady's family at www.westparrish-pedigo.com.

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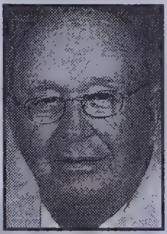
Elias Curdes Jr.

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Elias George Curdes Jr., 84, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, in Fort Myers, Fla., after a long illness.



Mr. Curdes

Mr. Curdes was a sergeant in the U.S. Army, 383rd Battalion during World War II from 1942 to 1945. He was a senior inspector for the Bureau of Customs, U.S. Treasury Department, Port of Toledo, before retiring in 1985.

Mr. Curdes was a Master Mason in the Robinson-Locke Masonic Lodge where he was presented with a 50-year award by The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio. He was also a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Toledo, Zenobia Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S., Toledo, Ohio, Zenobia Temple Guards, Pokagon Shrine Club in Angola, and the Fraternal Order of Moose in Angola. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, and an associate member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Myers.

He was born Dec. 25, 1922, in Toledo, where he resided until 1992, when he and his wife, Kathryn, moved to Crooked Lake, where they spent their summers, and Fort Myers, where they spent their winters.

Mr. Curdes is survived by his wife of 55 years, Kathryn; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Mark Barton; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Rosemarie Curdes; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home of Toledo, Ohio, with the Rev. Ike Redfern, Pastor Emeritus of Grace Lutheran Church, where George was a member when living in Toledo, officiating. Burial will be in Toledo Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday. Masonic services will be conducted 7:30 p.m. Friday by the Robinson-Locke lodge.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Hospital, Hope Hospice of Fort Myers, Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, or Peace Lutheran Church, Fort Myers, Fla.

Online condolences may be left at www.ansberg-west.com.

Lloyd Lyon

BUTLER — Lloyd M. Lyon, 78, formerly of Milford died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007, at Laurels of DeKalb Rehabilitation Center in Butler, where he had been a resident since June.

He was a career truck driver prior to retirement and a life-long racing enthusiast.

Mr. Lyon was born on June 10, 1929, to Bessie and Melvin Lyon, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by three daughters, Patricia Griffey and Deborah Donahue of Elkhart, and Angie Lyon of Fremont; two sons, Greg Lyon of Edon, Ohio, and Jimmy Lyon, formerly of the Dayton, Ohio, area; three stepsons, David Winer of Dundee, Fla., David Shaw of Indianapolis and Robert Shaw of Angola; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by an infant son, Gary Lyon in 1964.

A memorial service will be held in January. Cremation has been arranged by Johnson Funeral Home in Butler.

Memorials are to local Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations or to www.fallenheroes-fund.org.

Domingo Cruz-Diaz

KENDALLVILLE — Domingo Cruz-Diaz, 86, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at 12:28 p.m. at the VA Northern Indiana Health System in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, in Kendallville.

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November 29, 2007, Thursday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Samuel Wilcox

ANGOLA — Samuel Wilcox, 73, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilcox was a self-employed landscaper and an Army veteran.

He was a member of Calvary Temple Pentecostal Church of God in Angola.

He was born on April, 25, 1934, in Pleasant Lake to Sheldon and Elsie (Freed) Wilcox, who both preceded him in death.

He is survived by his former wife, Alice Dobbs of Oklahoma; four stepsons, Billy Dobbs of Angola, Allen Dobbs and Jesse Dobbs, both of Michigan, and Red Dobbs of Texas; a stepdaughter, Gail Lambert of Angola; several stepgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by eight brothers, Robert, Walter, Sylvester, Warren, Clayton, Jacky, Donald, and Edward; and seven sisters, Arlene Harmon, Irene Griffin, Edna Ferris, Mary Jordan, Ruth Fisher, Priscilla Wilcox and Angelina Wilcox.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Vincent Torres officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, care of Missy Wilcox.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Marcile Uhl

AVILLA — Marcile Elaine Uhl, 77, of Avilla died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at her home with her family by her side.

Arrangements are pending at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Virginia Ramey

WOLCOTTVILLE — Virginia F. Ramey, 81, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at 11:50 a.m. at her residence.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, in Wolcottville.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being repeated to correct information.*

Edith Holcomb Wise

KENDALLVILLE — Edith Holcomb Wise, 97, of Kendallville and formerly of LaGrange died at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Besides working on the farm in Plato with her first husband, Mrs. Holcomb Wise was a dietitian for many years at LaGrange Hospital.

She was also a vital part of a group of Plato community women who worked diligently to reopen the previously abandoned Plato United Methodist Church during the 1940s.

Mrs. Holcomb Wise accompanied Drs. Flannigan and Studebaker as they made house calls to deliver local babies where she washed and dressed the infants and assisted in caring for the mothers.

During her second marriage, she traveled with her husband to Orlando, Fla., in the winter months and returned to the LaGrange area in the summer months.

She enjoyed several years as the matriarch of a five-generation family.

She was born on Aug. 10, 1910, in Nottawa, Mich., to Oren and Jessie (Carlisle) Krontz. She was married to Lester Holcomb until his death in 1970. She married Hubert Wise on Dec. 31, 1972. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Surviving are three grandsons and two of their spouses, Tom and Connie Combs of Syracuse, Michael and Donna Holcomb of LaGrange, and Yale Holcomb of Tulsa, Okla.; two granddaughters and their spouses, Connie (Combs) and Mike Baker of Avilla and Gwen (Holcomb) and Bill Baird of New Haven; a son-in-law and two daughters-in-law, Dale and Doris Combs of Kendallville, and Dee Holcomb of Florida; and a special friend, Doris Dunkel of LaGrange.

In addition to her two husbands, her parents, three children, Howard and Glen Holcomb and Betty Holcomb Combs; and a daughter-in-law, Ruby Holcomb, preceded her in death.

A private family service will be at a later date at the request of Mrs. Holcomb Wise.

Memorials are to New Adventures Learning Center, Shepherd of the Hill, P.O. Box 429, Kendallville, IN 46755 to benefit the intergenerational programming she enjoyed while living there.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Domingo Cruz-Diaz

KENDALLVILLE — Domingo Cruz-Diaz, 86, of Kendallville died at 12:28 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, in the VA Northern Indiana Health System in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mr. Cruz-Diaz had lived in Kendallville since 1998.

He was born June 5, 1921, in Las Piedras, Puerto Rico, to Juan Cruz and Sota Diaz.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Domingo Cruz-Diaz Jr. and Ruth Cruz of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Bary Cruz-Reyes, Noel Cruz, and Norman Cruz; and seven great-grandchildren, Carmen Cruz, Micah Cruz, Seth Cruz, Isaiah Cruz, Faith Cruz, Grace Cruz and Jonathan Cruz.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Basilia Diaz, in December 1994; his parents; a brother; and a sister.

There will be no local services. Burial will be in Humacao, Puerto Rico.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Virginia Ramey

WOLCOTTVILLE — Virginia F. "Granny" Ramey, 80, of Wolcottville died at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Ramey

Mrs. Ramey had lived in the area since 1964, coming from West Virginia.

She was a homemaker, and was affectionately known as "Granny" to all.

She was born Sept. 22, 1927, in West Virginia to Troy and Bessie D. (Rowe) Sturgill. She married John Ramey on Aug. 5, 1977, in Wolcottville. He survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia Gail Wade of Kendallville, Pamela and Jeff Bloomfield of Topeka and Thelma Ramey of Wolcottville; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Willis Hicks of Wolcottville, Dewey Hicks of Mt. Holley, N.C., Mills and Connie Hicks of Tazewell, Va., and Ray and Ruby Ramey of Rome City; 26 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Joel Sturgill of Paynesville, Ohio, Ed Sturgill of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Jonathon Sturgill of Las Vegas, Nev.; and one sister, Joann Rich, Ashtabula, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Ramey; her parents; two sisters; four brothers; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Church of the Stone in Wolcottville with Pastor Mike Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange. Pallbearers will be Daniel Reinbold, Christopher Smith, Ed Wade, Nate Hicks, Tim Wade, Rob Hicks, Kevin Hicks, Brett Hicks and Danny Ramey.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Marcile Uhl

AVILLA — Marcile Elaine Uhl, 77, of Avilla died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at home with her family by her side.

Mrs. Uhl was a homemaker and served as an instructional assistant at Avilla Elementary School from 1972 to 2002.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1947.

Mrs. Uhl was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Uhl loved watching all sports especially those that her grandchildren participated in. She looked forward each year to volunteering at the Noble County Community Fair.

She enjoyed collecting Uhl Pottery and she spent many mornings with friends at the coffee shop.

She was born in Auburn on Dec. 18, 1929, to Carl Henry and Margaret C. (Latson) Haynes. She married Robert Lynn Uhl on May 31, 1950, at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. He died June 25, 1989.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rodney and Barbara Uhl of Batesville, Miss., and Scott and Rose Uhl of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Tana and Dan Brown of LaOtto; two sisters, Donna and Max Reynolds of Auburn and Judy and Jack Kruse of Kent, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Angie and Billy Stephenson, Shelby and Matt Liebing, Sarina and Josh Schroeder, Shay and Luke Amstutz, Andy Uhl, Michelle and Randy Krock, Chad and Jennifer Honaker, Zach Honaker, Toni Soncrant and Chuck Soncrant; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Charlotte May Haynes.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Susan Socha officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Mary Smith

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary E. Smith, 84, of Shipshewana died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and had worked at Lambright's Inc. in LaGrange for 21 years.

She moved to the LaGrange County area in 1975 from New York.

Mrs. Smith an active member of the Berea Missionary Church in Shipshewana, a volunteer at the LaGrange County Food & Clothes Basket and was an avid gardener.

She was born in Lewistown, Mont., on Aug. 15, 1923, to Thomas and Emily (Knoepke) Simacek. She married Charles E. Smith on March 12, 1944, at the Gore Military Chapel in Great Falls, Mont. He preceded her in death on Nov. 21, 2000.

Surviving are seven daughters, Sally Mosman of Black Creek, N.Y., Corliss Murphy of Attica, N.Y., Rachel Kerr of Weslaco, Texas, Joy Dorner of Allison Park, Pa., Edith Monkhouse of Alleghany, N.Y., Emily Gray of Tawas City, Mich., and Rebecca Smith of Coral Springs, Fla.; three sons, Charles W. Smith of Shipshewana, James E. Smith of Goshen and Thomas R. Smith of Topeka; 20 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Brown of Great Falls, Mont.; and a brother, Paul Simacek of Wilmington, Del.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Berea Missionary Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Ken Chupp and Rev. Dale Walterhouse officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to the World Missionary Press, P.O. Box 120, New Paris, IN 46553.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Clarence Kryder

WATERLOO — Clarence Alfred Kryder, 78, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Kryder was a farmer. He worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 32 1/2 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of Garrett Masonic Lodge 537. He served with the military police in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He was born May 3, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Clarence and Minerva (Bueker) Kryder. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruth Ann Ketel on April 11, 1959, in the Waterloo United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Penny Kryder of Butler, Walt and Tyann Kryder of Waterlo and Terry and Tanya Kryder of Corunna; and three grandchildren, Daniel Kryder, Ashlie Kryder and Jennifer Johnson.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

John Krontz

WATERLOO — John "Otto" Dale Krontz, 52, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Krontz

Mr. Krontz worked for the Waterloo Street Department, retiring in 1997. He was a fan of IU and NASCAR and loved being outdoors and spending time around campfires. He enjoyed his Otto Shack, but his grandson was the light of his life.

He was born June 1, 1955, in Auburn. His mother, Betty (Pope) Krontz preceded him in death. His father and stepmother, Samuel and Marie Krontz, survive in Auburn.

He married Cara Wallace on April 16, 1983, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Meranda Hunter of Waterloo; a grandson, James John "JJ" Hunter; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Connie and Robert Brown of Auburn and Patty and Jim Brand of Waterloo; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Danny and Betty Krontz of Waterloo and David Krontz of Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Dallas Bash

BLUFFTON, Ohio — Dallas John Bash, 90, of Bluffton, Ohio, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at 2:32 p.m. at Mennonite Memorial Home in Bluffton.

Mr. Bash

Mr. Bash retired from the Norfolk Southern Railroad. After his retirement he was a school bus driver for Bluffton Schools. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton, where he had served on the church board, ushered and had financial duties.

He was a volunteer for the Ground Observer Corps of the U.S. Air Force. He was a 1936 graduate of Forest High School.

He was born March 5, 1917, in Forest, Ohio, to Guy and Etta Mae (Wurtzbaugh) Bash.

He married Betty L. Frost on July 21, 1940, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Gene Mathewson of Bluffton; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Karen Bash of Auburn and Tony and Janet Bash of Houston, Texas; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Stanley Bash, and four sisters, Pauline Rader, Jenny Jacobs, Lois Parcell and Sevilla Fisher.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton, with the Rev. Ryan Grace and William Herr officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Bluffton.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Chiles-Laman Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or the Mennonite Memorial Home.

Jennie Cunningham

ANGOLA — Jennie M. (Butcher) Cunningham, 85, of Angola died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. Cunningham had been employed as a billing and inventory clerk at Federal Mogul and the NAPA distribution center in Indianapolis, retiring in 1975. She was also a homemaker.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, and had been involved in the Eagles Auxiliary, Moose Auxiliary and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was raised in New Augusta and has resided in Indianapolis, Zionsville and Jamestown. She had lived in Angola since 1981.

She was born on April 20, 1922, in Carmel to Howard Alvin and Hazel Mae (Johnson) Butcher. Both preceded her in death. She married Harvey Godfry Cunningham on July 19, 1944, in Southport. He preceded her in death on Jan. 3, 1980.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Harvey A. and Bernice Cunningham of Angola; three grandsons and their spouses, Harvey M. and Shelly Cunningham of Elkhart, Steven and Lori Cunningham of Hudson and Mack and Kysa Cunningham of Ashley; and four great-grandchildren, Michael and Cassi Cunningham of Elkhart, and Logan and Makayla Cunningham of Ashley.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and Maxwell Butcher; and a great-grandson, Jacob Nathaniel Cunningham.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Myers Chapel of Memories in Lebanon, with the Rev. Mike Cain officiating. Burial will be in Lincoln Memorial Gardens in Boone County.

Calling will be an hour before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Local arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Condolences may be sent to www.myersmortuary.com.

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Harley Cooper

AUBURN — Harley Lee Cooper, 70, of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Cooper

Mr. Cooper worked at Foley Pattern in Auburn for 31 years, retiring in 1999.

He was born April 4, 1937, in Pennington Gap, Va., to Hobert and Ollie (Green) Cooper. They preceded him in death.

He married Nila May Miles on May 14, 1956, in Sneedville, Tenn., and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Harley Lee Jr. and Sonja Cooper, Harold Eugene Cooper and Johnny Wayne Cooper, all of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy Lynn and Bill Best of Auburn; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; four sisters, Marie Masterson of Mooresville, Lexie Weaver of Seymour, Tenn., Cathlene Hatton of Greenwood and Sandra Kay Graves of Indianapolis; and a brother, Stanly Cooper of Indianapolis.

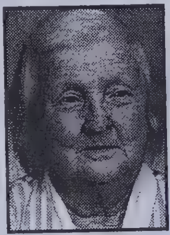
He was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold, Franklin and James Cooper, and a sister, Sue Burnette.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Lane Andrews officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Maxine Feagles

CHURUBUSCO — Maxine Feagles, 81, of rural Churubusco in Noble County, died Thursday afternoon, Nov. 30, 2007, at her home in Green Township. She had been in declining health for some time, but her death was unexpected.


Mrs. Feagles

Mrs. Feagles spent her formative years in Reed City, Mich., graduating from high school there. As a young woman she moved to Fort Wayne.

She and her husband, Howard E. Feagles, spent most of their married lives in Fort Wayne, then returned to Reed City, where they lived for 10 years. They returned to northeast Indiana in 1986.

She had been employed as a drug store cashier in Fort Wayne and worked several summers for R.L. Polk City Directories.

She was born Nov. 30, 1925, in Hersey, Mich., to Delos M. and Inez (Nash) Pion, who preceded her in death. On Sept. 24, 1947, she married Howard Feagles, who preceded her in death Aug. 25, 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry L. and Marlene Feagles of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and James Stoll of Merriam; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth and Jim Spence of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Shirley and Ed Harris of White Cloud, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed and Eva Pion of Reed City and Charles and Wanda Pion of Paris, Mich.; and two granddaughters and a grandson-in-law, Sara and Nick Holmes and Tiffany Feagles.

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Pion and Maynard Pion, and a sister, Margaret Palmer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Terry L. Zolman, pastor of Merriam Christian Chapel, officiating. Interment will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be today from 2-7 p.m. and one hour before the service Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805 or the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, 301 W. Superior, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsand-childs.net.

Willadean Snively

AVILLA — Willadean Snively, 89, of Avilla died Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9N, Wolcottville.

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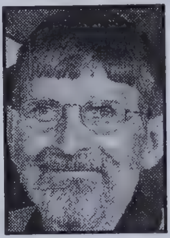
THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

John Krontz

WATERLOO — John "Otto" Dale Krontz, 52, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at his home in Waterloo.


Mr. Krontz

Mr. Krontz worked for the Waterloo Street Department, retiring in 1997. He was a fan of IU and NASCAR and loved being outdoors and spending time around campfires. He enjoyed his Otto Shack, but his grandson was the light of his life.

He was born June 1, 1955, in Auburn. His mother, Betty (Pope) Krontz preceded him in death. His father and stepmother, Samuel and Marie Krontz, survive in Auburn.

He married Cara Wallace on April 16, 1983, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Meranda Hunter of Waterloo; a grandson, James John "JJ" Hunter; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Connie and Robert Brown of Auburn and Patty and Jim Brand of Waterloo; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Danny and Betty Krontz of Waterloo and David Krontz of Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Jerome Pope of North Carolina officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Wilma Carlson

KOKOMO — Wilma M. Carlson, 95, died at 1:35 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at Manor Care.

Mrs. Carlson enjoyed playing euchre, crocheting, fly-fishing, painting and, most of all, spending time with her family.

She was born in Wawaka June 24, 1912, to Branch and Emma Barbara (Hettmansperger) Wenner. She married Harry W. Carlson in 1929 in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Theodore and Sandra Carlson of Kokomo; a daughter, Marlene Bowland of Kokomo; grandchildren, Stephen Carlson of Stillwater, Okla., Mitchell Carlson of Kokomo, Bonnie VanWinkle and her husband, Clifford, of Logansport, Lisa Drotleff and her husband, Paul, of Komoko and Craig Bowland of Kokomo; three great-grandchildren, Chace Carlson and Kristin and Kayley Heintz; and a sister, Bonnie Chapman of Glendora, Calif.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Charles Wenner of Elkhart, and two sisters, Zelma (Swank) Price and Gertrude Swank of Kendallville.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Road, Kokomo, with Chaplain Ingrid Gaither officiating.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences can be made at www.mem.com.

Rev. Samuel Roberts

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. Samuel J. Roberts, 91, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at Coventry Meadows Nursing Home.

Mr. Roberts was ordained in the Church of the Nazarene in 1938 and pastored churches in North Manchester, Montpelier, Garrett, Anderson, Lynn, Fort Wayne and Alexandria. He retired in 1979 after more than 50 years in the ministry. After retirement, he served as an interim pastor for several Churches of the Nazarene in the North Eastern Indiana District.

He was a member of Grace Point Church of the Nazarene. He received the Citizen of the Year award in Garrett and the Generational Award in 2004 from the North Eastern Indiana District Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Feb. 29, 1916, in Hutchison, Kan.

Surviving are his wife, Velda E. Roberts; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Gladwyn Hay of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Stephen D. and Linda Roberts of Raleigh, N.C., Daniel L. and Rita Roberts of Orlando, Fla., and Dr. Michael K. and Kay Roberts of Philadelphia, Pa.; 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, 8011 Mayhew Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Charles Sunberg and the Rev. Rex Person officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Grace Point Church of the Nazarene or the Roberts Resource Center at the church.

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Helen Ashbaugh

FORT WAYNE — Helen Margaret Ashbaugh, 83, of Lake Township in Allen County, died at 6:10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at The Oaks in Columbia City. She had resided at the nursing home for a brief time, but had been in failing health for over two years.

Mrs. Ashbaugh

Mrs. Ashbaugh was a 1941 graduate of Oakwood High School in Ohio.

Always active as a farm wife, she assisted her husband with the family dairy operation, and was a homemaker. She and her husband, Ray E. Ashbaugh, first lived in Paulding County, Ohio. They lived in Lafayette Township in Allen County for nine years before moving to the family farm in Lake Township in 1957.

She was a 50-year member of Lake Chapel United Methodist Church. She enjoyed her family, farm work and church.

She was born Feb. 5, 1924, to Don and Margaret (White) Craft in Oakwood, Ohio, where she spent her formative years. She married Ray Ashbaugh in 1943.

Surviving with her husband of 64 years are two sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Judy Ashbaugh of rural Fort Wayne and Larry and Cindy Ashbaugh of Columbia City; one daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Mark Loebert of Roanoke; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Margaret Craft of Oakwood, Ohio; five grandchildren and spouses, John and Jill Ashbaugh, Lori and Paul Nunley, Melissa Ashbaugh, Amy and James Goodwin and Ben Ashbaugh; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Lake Chapel United Methodist Church, 8205 Butt Road, with Pastor Harold Klinker officiating. Graveside services will be Tuesday morning at Prairie Chapel Cemetery, east of Oakwood.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour before the service.

Memorials may be directed to Lake Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Kenneth Lantz

TOPEKA — Kenneth Wayne Lantz, 54, of Topeka died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Lantz was a supervisor at Dexter Chassis Group (Leland Engineering) for 10 years, until he retired for health reasons. He has also worked at Kendallville and Wolcottville Lumber companies. He was also employed at Jayco in Middlebury for 10 years, prior to Dexter Chassis Group.

He was a graduate of White Pigeon High School, White Pigeon, Mich. He enjoyed fishing. He attended Topeka Baptist Church in Topeka.

He was born Feb. 3, 1953, to Kenneth and Esther (Miller) Lantz in LaGrange. He married Kim Coker on July 9, 1977, in Woodruff. She survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Esther and Richard Kuhn of Wolcottville; three daughters and a son-in-law, Paula and Blane Diehl of LaGrange, Jennifer Marner of Ligonier and Stace Lantz of Topeka; a son, Allen Lantz of Topeka; three brothers, Marvin Lantz of Howe and Gerry and Roy Lantz, both of Sturgis, Mich.; and five grandchildren, Brian, Bethany, Joslyn, Lavinnia and Blake.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Lantz, in 2005.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with Pastor Gene Parker officiating. Burial will be in Wolcottville Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials may be directed to Goshen Hospice or Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Arrangements by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Esther Greeno

ANGOLA — Esther L. Greeno, 87, of Angola died Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at Serenity Country Care, Montgomery, Mich.

Mrs. Greeno retired after 18 years at Angola Wire Products.

She was born April 4, 1920, in LaGrange County to Louis and Jane Hart, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Robert Greeno Jr. of Montpelier, Ohio; a daughter, Judy Sattison of Angola; a sister, Virginia Conley of Wolcottville; a half sister, Barb Coney of Stroh; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three brothers, two sisters and two great-grandsons, Nathad and Dustin.

There will be no services.

Memorials are to the family c/o Judy Sattison, 100 N. C.R. 1000W, Angola, IN 46703.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Orpha Perry

WARNER ROBINS, Ga. — Orpha Perry, 96, of Warner Robins died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007.

Mrs. Perry was a native of Goshen.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Golden Hearts.

She was born May 10, 1911, to Russell and Mellie Taylor. They preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her husband, Leslie Perry.

Services will be held in Indiana at a later date.

McCullough Funeral Home in Warner Robins was in charge of arrangements.

To sign a guest registry, go to www.mcculloughfh.com.

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Strong, handsome farmer was larger than life

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Dale Custer, left, relaxes with fellow Marines on a leave in New York City. He served in the Marine Corps at the end of World War II and was stationed in China.

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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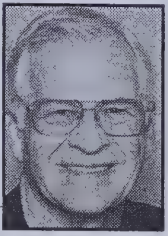
GARRETT — Dale Custer of Garrett was always competitive and strong, from a young age until he died at the age of 82 on Nov. 21 at his home, remembers his brother Wayne Custer, also of Garrett.



Mr. Custer

Dale Custer was born in the bedroom of his father and mother — A.J. and Sadie (Grube) Custer — on their farm in rural Garrett, His two sons, Bruce and Brian Custer, later would become the third generation of farmers — a source of pride to Dale, his son Brian said.

Dale Custer married Mary Jean Custer and they had two sons, Bruce and Brian. He later married Lori Dirr in 1982, and had six grandchildren when he died.

In the 1960s, Dale and his brothers — Wayne, Harold, Gene and Finley — decided to start a grainery so they would have the means to feed the beef cattle they raised, Wayne Custer said. Their lone sister, Ruth Ross of Maryland, is an ordained minister and the only sibling who has not been involved in farming and/or the grainery.

That grainery, Custer Grain Co., became a family business in 1967, and celebrated its 40th anniversary this fall.

Dale Custer continued to farm, but retired from full-time duty in 1996. He continued working on a part-time basis until 2004, stopping by the grainery on almost a daily basis, according to son Brian. "He just couldn't stay away," Brian Custer said.

In the 1950s, Dale Custer's competitive edge won him three consecutive state tractor-pulling championships. "No one had ever won three in a row," his brother, Wayne, said.

Although his dad never attended college, Brian Custer said he had amazing abilities when it came to mechanical engineering.

"He was way ahead of his time when he won the pulling championships, especially with the modifications he had on his tractors," Brian Custer said. After he won the third championship, the state fair officials in Indianapolis asked him not to come back for a while "to give others a chance to win," Brian Custer said.

Reportedly, Dale Custer fired back at the officials, "If I can't be innovative, what's the point?"

Katrina Custer, who is married to Dale's brother, Gene, said the Custer brothers always were very involved in the county fairs and tractor pulls. And, she said, they made quite an impression.

"They were such handsome, big strong men," Katrina Custer said, "and up there on those tractors, they were bigger than life."

When Dale Custer's number came up for the draft at the end of World War II, he chose to join the U.S. Marine Corps and served in China.

"He was a boxer in the Marine Corps and was thought well of by his commanding officers," said Wayne Custer.

He was a lifetime resident of Garrett except from 1996 to 2005, when he lived in Venice, Fla. His brother, Harold, also had retired and lived in Florida. The two brothers had become very close in the past 15 years, Harold Custer said.

"He was always real strong," said Harold Custer. When they were young children and Dale was about 6 years old, another older brother came down with rheumatic fever and Dale would pull that brother all around the farm in his Western Flyer wagon, Harold said, transporting the brother until he regained his strength.

While living in Garrett, Dale Custer remained active in 4-H and farming events and served as president of the DeKalb County Planning Commission for 20 years.

In high school, Dale was very good in sports, Wayne Custer said.

"We went hunting once, and Dale accidentally shot himself in the arm and split the muscle in two pieces, but that did not keep him from continuing to playing to play football," Wayne Custer said. "Even though it took a long time for it to heal, it didn't slow him down."

Many of the people who paid tribute to Dale Custer at his memorial service were former or current employees, Brian Custer said.

"He was not only their boss, but he became a friend," Brian Custer said. "He was someone that people could relate and talk to."

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Jane Updike

NORTH MANCHESTER — Jane Updike, 74, of North Manchester died at 4:13 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester.

She was the office manager in the testing department at Fort Wayne Community Schools for 14 years until her retirement in 1991.

She graduated from Wabash High School in 1951, and received a Bachelor of Science from Manchester College in 1955. She also received a master's degree from Saint Francis College. She was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

On July 2, 1933, she was born to Lew and Florence (Stouffer) Keller in Wabash. They preceded her in death. She married Max G. Updike Aug. 14, 1955, in Wabash. He survives in North Manchester.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher K. and Kelly Updike of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy Jane and Mike Dauss of Anderson; a granddaughter, Megan Updike who is a junior at North Manchester; and three grandsons, Jason Updike of Fort Wayne who is a sophomore at Canterbury High School, Ryan Dauss, who is a junior Ball State University in Muncie and Matthew Dauss, who is a freshman at the University of Nebraska in Omaha, Neb.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Wolcottville United Methodist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Jack Thomas and Chaplain Barry Belknap officiating. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington.

Calling will be Saturday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the church.

Glancy Funeral Homes — H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren is in charge of arrangements.

Randall Friend

BUTLER — Randall Eugene Friend, 53, of Butler died Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He worked at HerMack Inc. in Auburn and was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Friend

Born Nov. 3, 1954, in Garrett, he was the son of Donald and LeAnna (Freeze) Friend. They survive in Auburn. He married Shirley May Forrest on June 9, 2001, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Adam Friend of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their spouses, Frank Shelton of Sturgis, Mich., and William and Casey Forrest of Fremont; five stepgrandchildren, Gage Forrest, Phoebe Shelton, Brandan Shelton, Breanna Shelton and Tyler Shelton; a sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia and Bill Troop of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Maureen Friend and Jerry and Lori Friend, all of Auburn; three sisters-in-law and their spouses, Donna and Tommy Keene of Butler; Billie Champions of Kendallville, and Ruby Bloomer of Garrett; and his mother-in-law, Helen Bloomer of Auburn.

A sister, Kathleen Friend, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Noble Hospice.

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Thomas Kocks

ST. JOE — Thomas A. Kocks, 59, of St. Joe died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at his home.

He was the owner/operator of Kocks Cabinet Installation for 25 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, a past commander of New Haven Post 330 and a member of Leo Post 409.

He was born to Robert and Elizabeth Kocks. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Angela Kocks of New Haven, Renee and Brian Hubert of Huntertown and Lisa and Michael Morvillus of New Haven; a son, Shane Kocks of Savannah, Ga.; companion Marcia Bonta of St. Joe; 10 grandchildren; former spouse Carol Kocks of Angola; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Judy and Eugene Habej of Fort Wayne, Theresa and Paul Gilley of Carmel, Lisa and Steve Ottenweller of New Haven and Ann and Russell Stanski of Leo; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Donald Kocks, and Joseph and Suzanne Kocks, all of New Haven; three stepchildren, Julie and Todd Lowden, and Joseph Bonta, all of Spencerville, and Lisa Bonta of Avilla.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling will be Monday from 5 to 9 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kocks Family Memorial Fund.

Kenneth Lantz

LAGRANGE — Kenneth Wayne Lantz, 54, of Topeka died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at his residence.

He was a supervisor at Dexter Chassis Group (Leland Engineering) for 10 years until he had to retire for health reasons. He also worked at Kendallville and Wolcottville lumber companies and at Jayco in Middlebury for 10 years prior to Dexter Chassis Group.

Mr. Lantz graduated from White Pigeon High School and enjoyed fishing. He attended Topeka Baptist Church in Topeka.

On Feb. 3, 1953, he was born to Kenneth and Esther (Miller) Lantz in LaGrange. He married Kim Coker on July 9, 1977, in Woodruff. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother and step-father, Esther and Richard Kuhn of Wolcottville; three daughters and a son-in-law, Paula and Blane Diehl of LaGrange, Jennifer Marner of Ligonier, and Staci Lantz of Topeka; a son, Allen Lantz of Topeka; three brothers, Marvin Lantz of Howe and Gerry and Roy Lantz, both of Sturgis, Mich.; and five grandchildren, Brian, Bethany, Joslyn, Lavinnia and Blake.

His father preceded him in death in 2005.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Pastor Gene Parker of Topeka Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice or American Cancer Society. Condolences may be posted online at carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Miles Ringenberg

AUBURN — Miles E. "Mike" Ringenberg, 86, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Ringenberg

For 25 years, he and his wife owned and operated Russell's Point Resort on Hamilton Lake. He also drove a school bus for Hamilton Community Schools for 12 years. He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

He was born Nov. 7, 1921, in Woodburn to Samuel and Clara (Knoblaugh) Ringenberg.

He married Thelma N. Saxer on June 27, 1948, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James M. and Beth Ringenberg of Andrews, N.C.; a daughter, Jo Ellen Ringenberg Curry of Louisville, Ky.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ilean McLaughlin of Winterhaven, Fla., and Betty and Herbert Weisshart of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Everett and Joyce Ringenberg of Plymouth; four grandchildren, Christa Curry, Kimberly Curry, James Michael Ringenberg and Susan Ringenberg; eight stepgrandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Dr. Quinten Ringenberg; and a sister, Charlotte Dasher.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Nancy Becker will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Philip Studer

ANGOLA — Philip J. Studer, 57, of Angola died at 10:52 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007. at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio, where he was a patient.

Mr. Studer was a self-employed upholsterer in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Krill Funeral Home in Bryan, Ohio.

Don Graft

FORT WAYNE — Don Graft, 82, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Graft was the former owner of Don Graft Milk Transport.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchildsfuneralhome.net.

Joan Rowden

AUBURN — Joan Marie Rowden, 70, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Rowden

She worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn, retiring in September 2003. She attended Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 26, 1937, in Defiance, Ohio, to Russell and Faye (Doster) Feeney. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Dawn Bice of Bremen; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Mark Bope of Moyock, N.C.; three grandchildren, Chase Bice, Shantel Bice and Jerika Bope; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Carl and Joann Feeney of Defiance, Ohio, Delbert and Judy Feeney of Falcon, Mo., and Jerry Feeney of Oakwood, Ohio.

Services will be Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

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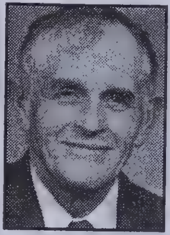
Maurice Yoder

LAGRANGE — Maurice A. Yoder, 79, of LaGrange died Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at The Maples in Goshen.



Mr. Yoder

Mr. Yoder was a self-employed dairy farmer and had moved to LaGrange in 1966 from White Pigeon, Mich.

He was a member of Emma Mennonite Church.

Mr. Yoder also belonged to the Holstein Association of America, the Indiana Holstein Association, the Arabian Horse Association and the Cheviot Sheep Association.

He was born on July 7, 1928, in Wellman, Iowa, to Quinton and Edith (Yoder) Yoder. On Feb. 20, 1952, he married Doris D. Cummings in Elkhart. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters and son-in-laws, Cheryl and Jack Nelson of Shipshewana, Kim and Jim Graves of Goshen and Kelly and Tim Miller of Middlebury; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Jerry and Martha Yoder of LaGrange and Gary and Dawn Yoder of LaGrange; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Marlene Yoder of Middlebury; and a brother-in-law, Dewayne Bontrager of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mertice Bontrager; and two brothers, Don and Wallace Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Burial will take place in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Emma Mennonite Church and from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Emma Mennonite Church, World Missionary Press, Faith Mission or the Kidney Foundation.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Deloris Inlow

ST. JOE — Deloris (Keener) Inlow, 83, died at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at her daughter's home in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio.

Pete Parr

SOUTH MILFORD — John Robert "Pete" Parr, 66, of rural South Milford died unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, in the emergency room at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Parr was a heavy equipment operator and owned Parr Excavating for more than 20 years. From 1973-1983, he was a business partner with Hugh Eshelman in Eshelman Excavating in Kendallville. He had also worked early on for L.H. Gunsaullus & Sons in Kendallville for about 10 years.

He was a graduate of Kendallville High School.

Mr. Parr was an avid hunter and liked to hunt groundhogs, pheasants and deer with his dog, Bert. He liked to reload his own ammunition and enjoyed shooting in local handgun leagues.

He was born in Kendallville on June 2, 1941, to Robert Martin and Helen Eunice (Call) Parr. His father died in 1974 and his mother died in 1997.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, George and Diana Parr of Huntertown; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Louise and Don Hinds of Kalkaska, Mich., and Linda Parr-Matos and Jacson Matos of Houston, Texas; two stepsons, Clay Helmkamp and his wife, Renae, of Kendallville and Chad Helmkamp of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Shannon Helmkamp of Kendallville; and stepgrandchildren, Skyler, Taylor, Devin and Sadie.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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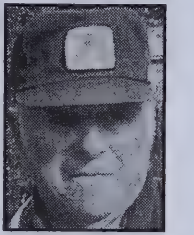
Jay Straw Jr.

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Jay J. "Bud" Straw Jr., 78, of Kinderhook Township, Montgomery, Mich., died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.


Mr. Straw

Mr. Straw worked as a farmer, as well as at the Kroger egg plant and Eckrich Meats. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and served in the Korean War.

He graduated from Fremont High School in 1947. He enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren. He loved fishing and hunting. He was a member of the Fremont Knights of Pythias.

He was born April 15, 1929, in Kinderhook Township, Mich., to Jay and Ethel (Ball) Straw. Both preceded him in death. He married Violet Grove on April 4, 1953, in Angola. She survives in Montgomery.

He is also survived by five daughters and three sons-in-law, Kathy and Bob Miner of Montgomery, Carolyn and Jeffrey Hensley of Montgomery, Ala., Sharon Frasier of Angola, Velvet and Gerry Lerch of Kent City, Mich., and Shirley Sensat of Quincy; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Lucy Clifford and Ila Parshall; and a grandson, Wesley Frasier.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Ed Mohr officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery in Kinderhook Township. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Fremont American Legion.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Josephine McWilliams

GARRETT — Josephine A. McWilliams, 79, of Garrett died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. McWilliams formerly lived in Wolcottville and DeLand, Fla. She was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 11, 1928, in Garrett, to Hudson and Beatrice P. (Morris) Hays. They preceded her in death.

On Sept. 3, 1949, in Garrett, she married Robert L. McWilliams. He died Nov. 11, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Michael Egts of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Jeannette Jacob of Kendallville and Nancy Treesh of Garrett; and three brothers, William Hays and Hudson Hays, both of Garrett, and Richard Hays of Eustice, Fla.

There will be no service or calling.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent and an on-line guest book may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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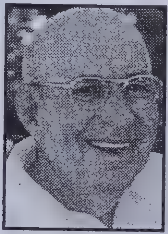
Alva Grogg


Mr. Grogg

AUBURN — Alva S. Grogg, 83, of Auburn died Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was the founder and co-owner of Grogg Standard Service in Auburn and operated the business for 37 years, retiring in 1984.

He served in Guam with the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a pharmacist's mate in the fleet hospital. He participated in the Library of Congress Veterans History Project in Washington, D.C.

He attended St. Mark's Lutheran Church and was a member of DeKalb Masonic Lodge 213 and American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

He coached Little League baseball in Auburn for nine years and after he finished coaching, he served on the Auburn youth baseball board. He was inducted into the Northeast Indiana Little League Baseball Hall of Fame of Coaches for the numerous years when he had champion teams. He also sponsored little league basketball in Auburn. He loved Indiana University basketball and after he retired, he enjoyed playing golf.

He was born June 15, 1924, in Auburn to Alva F. and Ada (Smurr) Grogg. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruth L. Mitchner on Jan. 18, 1947. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Tim and Mary Ann Grogg of Columbus, Ind., and Ted and Mary Grogg of Evansville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tara and Augie Agosti of Sylvania, Ohio, and Tami and Chad Bullock of Bristol; seven grandchildren, Heidi Grogg, Heather and Chris Means, Mitch Grogg, Rachel Grogg, Ali Bullock, Corbin Bullock and Megan Bullock; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ruth and Bob George of Indianapolis and Bess Mochamer of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Edward Grogg and Edgar Grogg.

Services will be Thursday a 11:30 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. and Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children or the Children First Center of Auburn.

Deloris Inlow

Mrs. Inlow

ST. JOE — Deloris K. "Bob" Inlow, 83, died at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at her daughter's home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Inlow retired after 25 years of service from General Electric in Fort Wayne, where she was in the ELEX Club and the Quarter Century Club.

She was a graduate of St. Joe High School and a member of Coburn Corners Church of Christ in St. Joe, where she served as the church secretary for more than 20 years.

She was born Feb. 5, 1924, in Newville Township to Lloyd and Thelma (Benninghoff) Keener.

She married Arden "Tim" Inlow on May 29, 1942, in Butler. He died in 1997.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy and Richard Seiwert of Tuscon, Ariz., Robin Inlow of Fort Wayne and Anita and Tom Schroeder of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Joel, Tiffany and Lindsay Schroeder; a sister, Shirley Fritz of Hicksville, Ohio; and a brother, Jerry Keener of Newville.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a sister, Gladys Hart.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Coburn Corners Church of Christ in rural St. Joe, with Doug Holley and Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 3-5 and 6–8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio, and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Association of Allen County or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with corrections.*

Joan Rowden

AUBURN — Joan Marie Rowden, 70, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Rowden

She worked at Dana Corp. in Churubusco, retiring in September 2003. She attended Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 26, 1937, in Defiance, Ohio, to Russell and Faye (Doster) Feeney. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Dawn Bice of Bremen; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Mark Bope of Moyock, N.C.; three grandchildren, Chase Bice, Shantel Bice and Jerika Bope; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Carl and Joann Feeney of Defiance, Ohio, Delbert and Judy Feeney of Falcon, Mo., and Jerry Feeney of Oakwood, Ohio.

Services will be today at 3:30 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Philip Studer

ANGOLA — Philip J. Studer, 57, of Angola died at 10:52 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio, where he was a patient.

Mr. Studer

Mr. Studer was a self-employed upholsterer in Angola and had worked at Pet Milk in Bryan, Ohio, until its closing. He was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club, Sons of the American Legion in Fremont, the Montpelier, Ohio, and Bryan Eagles and the Montpelier Moose Lodge.

He was born June 20, 1950, in Angola to John F. and Mary L. (Dohner) Studer.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Rex Schlatter of Newville and Bridget and Steve Kitchen of Montpelier, Ohio; three stepchildren and a spouse, Michael A. Dubois of Montpelier, Ohio, Sheri Dubois of Sylvania, Ohio, and Douglas and Glenda Dubois, of Bryan, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kevin and Suzie Studer, of Edgerton, Ohio, and Darrell and Stephanie Studer, of Quincy, Mich.; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Jo and John Armbruster of Edon, Ohio, Jean Studer of Fremont and Christine and Ron Rhody of Hicksville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jimmy Studer

Services will be at a later date. There will be no calling at this time.

Memorials are to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, Hospice Care.

Krill Funeral Home in Bryan, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Willadean Snively

AVILLA — Willadean C. Snively, 89, of Avilla died Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at 4:50 p.m. in Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne with her family by her side.

Mrs. Snively

Mrs. Snively had lived in Avilla since 1988 and was a homemaker.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, gardening, dancing, playing bingo and traveling.

She was born Nov. 4, 1918, in Steuben County to William and Bessie (Ensley) VanPelt. She married Donald Snively on Oct. 30, 1954, in Steuben County. He preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 1988.

Surviving are a daughter, Cindy Caudill of Albion; a granddaughter and her husband, Aimee Caudill-Garrison and James Garrison of Garrett; and two great-grandsons, Parker Garrison and Austin Garrison of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Ursula Shumaker; a nephew, Lavon "Bill" Shumaker; a brother, Donovan VanPelt; a nephew, David VanPelt; and three grandchildren, James R. Clark, Bobby Caudill and Robby Caudill.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Wright Cemetery near Stroh.

Memorials are to the family or the American Cancer Society.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Betty Cagley

GOSHEN — Betty Cagley, 86, of Goshen died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Greencroft Health Care Center following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Mrs. Cagley was a homemaker.

Mrs. Cagley

She had attended DePauw University for two years and had been employed for five years at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Akron, Ohio.

She co-founded Twin Mills Resort in Howe in 1966. She retired in 1990. She and her husband moved to Greencroft Retirement Community in 2001.

Mrs. Cagley was a former member of the Philomath Society in Howe and a member of the Howe United Methodist Church. She had been active in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and church activities.

She loved being outdoors and working in her garden and flower beds.

She was born July 6, 1921, in Kokomo to William and Opal Foust. She married Richard P. Cagley on Dec. 26, 1943. He survives in Goshen.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Vicki Cagley of Howe; a daughter, Nancy Cagley of Goshen; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Katy Goust of Kokomo; three grandsons; two stepgrandsons; a great-grandson; and a stepgreat-grandson.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Keith Foust; and a sister, Gloria Heckathorn.

Mrs. Cagley donated her body to Indiana University Medical Research.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Howe United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Greencroft Foundation in Goshen or the Alzheimer's Association.

Keith Orewiler

AUBURN — Keith R. Orewiler, 95, of Auburn died at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Orewiler had retired from the Indiana Department of Transportation. He had also worked for the Angola Police Department for 25 years.

He was a lifetime area resident.

Mr. Orewiler was a former member of the Angola American Legion Post. He enjoyed horse racing, auto racing and his association with the police department.

He was born Oct. 1, 1912, in Steuben County to Roy and Nellie (Maxton) Orewiler.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and John Liechty of Auburn; two sons, Dean Orewiler and his fiancee, Diane Avery, of Kendallville and Larry Orewiler and his companion, Lorie Knight, of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Arri and Ian Orewiler of Kendallville and James Orewiler of Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Orewiler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

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Margaret Baisden

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Leola Baisden, 68, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Baisden was born in Warriormine, W.Va., on Aug. 13, 1939, to Frazier Thomas and Annie Leola (Davis) Brown. She married Cecil Baisden on May 13, 1965, in Cleveland, Ohio. He preceded her death on July 26, 1990.

Surviving are three daughters, Patty Boyd and Brenda Gibson, both of Kendallville, and Martha Morgan of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil and Michelle Baisden of Kendallville and Roger and Dawn Baisden of Avilla; a brother, Frazier Brown Jr. of Tampa, Fla.; 14 grandchildren, Joey Boyd, Casaundra Huerta, Amber Hake, Zachery Walsh, Charles Morgan, Alexis Baisden, Allison Baisden, Tabitha Bowers, Ryan Osborne, Kayla Baisden, Raven Baisden, Brittany Baisden, Kursten Baisden and Katie Moreno; and three great-grandchildren, Berabe Moreno VI, Sebastien Huerta and baby Huerta.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Frank and Roger Brown; and four sisters, Sue Cooper, Thelma Jo Stevens, Lorraine Singel and Louise Barnes.

Graveside funeral services were Monday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with Pastor Brent Wedding officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Thurman Trader

MERRIAM — Thurman J. "Joe" Trader, 51, of Merriam, died at 8:40 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was admitted on Friday. He had been in failing health since August.

Mr. Trader had live in Merriam since September 1999.

He had been employed with General Motors Corp. since 1978. He lived in the Chicago area, later transferring to Janesville, Wis., for two years and then to Fort Wayne.

Mr. Trader completed high school in Chicago and graduated from the skilled trade school at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 8, 1956, in Chicago to Thurman C. and Helen B. (Ciba) Trader. He married Pamela A. Myers on Oct. 17, 1998. She survives.

Also surviving are a stepson, Robert and Ryane Wilcox of Garrett; three stepgrandchildren, Devin, Taylor and Morgan; a brother, Andrew and Bertie Trader of Buncombe, Ill.; and two sisters, Patricia Pezel and Barbara and Antonio Hernandez, both of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Helen Anselman; and a brother-in-law, Frank Pezel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City, with Father Larry Kramer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from noon to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Whitley County.

Helen Summers

LOGANSPORT — Helen J. Summers, 89, of Boulder, Colo., and formerly of Logansport died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, at Hospice Care Center in Louisville, Colo.

Mrs. Summers retired from United Technologies in 1983 and moved to Boulder in June 1993. She enjoyed gardening, wildlife and her children and grandchildren.

She attended St. Joseph's Parish School and Logansport High School. She was a member of All Saints Catholic Church.

She was born Nov. 28, 1918, in Logansport to Albert and Catherine (Hollie) Berndt.

She married Alvin "Jay" Summers on June 1, 1942, in Salinas, Calif. He died Nov. 7, 1990.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Brenda of Boulder, Colo., Greg and Barb of Fremont and Mike and Laura of Longmont, Colo.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Elizabeth Long of Logansport.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Louise Berndt, and one brother, Carl Berndt.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at All Saints Catholic Church in Logansport. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery at Logansport.

Calling will be Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at Marocco Funeral Chapel, 119 E. Market St., Logansport.

Memorials are to Hospice Care of Boulder and Broomfield Counties in care of Ahlberg Funeral Chapel, 326 Terry St., Longmont, CO 80501.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.maroccofc.com.

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Jerry Gochenaur

HOWE — Jerry A. Gochenaur, 64, of Howe died unexpectedly on Monday Dec. 3, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Gochenaur

Mr. Gochenaur was a lifetime Brighton area resident and a 1961 Brighton High School graduate.

He graduated in 1966 from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture.

He was a farmer, a member of Calvary Chapel Fellowship in Stroh and the Gideons.

Mr. Gochenaur collected old International Harvester tractors and enjoyed Southern Gospel music.

He was born on April 1, 1943, in Sturgis, Mich., to Gerald F. and Marilyn (Walters) Gochenaur. He married Carolyn Larimer on June 12, 1966, at the English Prairie Church in Howe. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are his mother, Marilyn Gochenaur of Howe; two daughters and sons-in-law, Theresa and Jeff Parham of LaGrange and Beth and Doug Fry of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Colleen Gochenaur of Howe; nine grandchildren; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Dianna Gochenaur of Columbia City and Jon L. and Connie Gochenaur of Granger.

He was preceded in death by his father Gerald F. Gochenaur.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brighton Chapel in Howe with Pastors Gary Rifenburg and Jeremy Helmuth officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Brighton Chapel.

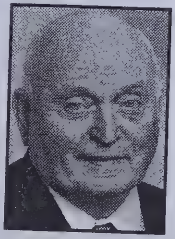
Memorials are to the Gideons.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Don Graft

FORT WAYNE — Don Graft, 82, a resident of Lake Township in Allen County died at 4:35 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.


Mr. Graft

Mr. Graft was a lifetime area resident.

He was the owner and operator of Graft Milk Transport for 63 years, delivering to the former Allen Dairy and Prairie Farms Dairy.

He served as the Lake Township trustee from 1955 to 1962 and was president of the Allen County Board of Education from 1959 to 1962.

Mr. Graft was a member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church where he was a volunteer coach for the Suburban Bethlehem School's basketball team for 40 years.

He was born Aug. 17, 1925, in Wells County to Charles and Adalinda (Zwick) Graft. He married Sue C. Blessing on June 1, 1946, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Jim and Vicki Graft and Donald L. Graft, all of rural Fort Wayne, and Diane and Ed Mayer of Valrico, Fla.; two brothers, Ray Graft of Hoagland and Ralph Graft of New Haven; a sister, Bertha Braun of Decatur; grandchildren, Jami and PJ Steffen of Avon, Kelli and Chris Moran, Alissa and Ken Knepple, Ian Graft, Brandon Graft and Aaron Graft, all of Fort Wayne, Kendall and Tyler Hoffman of Columbia City, Jeremy and Nicole Mayer of Ocoee, Fla., and Pfc. Greg Mayer of South Korea; and great-grandchildren, Timothy Knepple, Rebekah, Joshua and Jessica Steffen and Lydia Moran.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Graft and Thurman Graft; and a sister, Viola Fisher.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W. California Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastors Jerrold L. Nichols and Timothy Edwards officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday and two hours prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Arleen Oesch

TOPEKA — Arleen L. Oesch, 88, of Topeka died at 9:03 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Oesch had been hospitalized for the past six weeks.

Mrs. Oesch was employed for more than 30 years in civil service, working as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service in the Topeka post office.

She was a lifetime resident of Topeka and a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren. Her hobbies included knitting, stamp collecting and birds, especially cardinals.

Mrs. Oesch also enjoyed bowling, music and watchng sports, especially Bobby Knight and golf.

She was born Feb. 15, 1919, to Riley and Maude (Zerbe) Kendall. She married Stanley G. Oesch on Sept. 29, 1940, in Wawaka Church of the Brethren. He died March 31, 2005.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry A. and Darlene Oesch of Goshen and Timothy K. and Beverly Oesch of Topeka; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa A. and Dan Garman of New Haven; a daughter-in-law, Gloria Oesch of Goshen; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother, Eldon Kendall of Lima, Ohio; and a sister, Vera Berkey of Goshen.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Bruce S. Oesch; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Laurel Kendall.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with Pastor Verne Leininger officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Wawaka Church of the Brethren or Gideons International.

To send the family condolences. visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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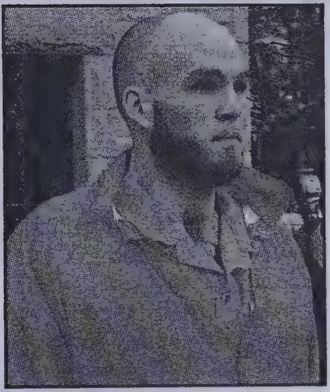
Murder admitted



BOB BRALEY

Charles Chorpenning

Waterloo man faces 47- to 107-year sentence

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A Waterloo man pleaded guilty Tuesday to murder in Noble Superior Court I.

Charles William Chorpenning, 27, formerly of Auburn, also pleaded guilty to seven other felony charges from a total of three cases and to being a habitual felon, a sentence enhancer.

A plea agreement in the case sets Chorpenning's minimum combined sentence at 47 years and his maximum

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MURDER: *Man also admits to burglary, 5 other felonies*

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at 107 years.

When asked Tuesday if he had killed Patrick Biddle at Biddle's residence in the 600 block of Berry Lane, Kendallville, on March 5, Chorpenning took a deep breath, then answered, "Yes, sir."

The plea agreement in the case was finalized Tuesday. Before the late-morning hearing began, Chorpenning wept in the courtroom.

In addition to murder, a felony, Chorpenning also pleaded guilty to burglary, a Class B felony, and five Class D felonies — theft and auto theft in the Biddle case, an unrelated charge of intimidation, and separate charges of auto theft and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle from a third case.

Murder is the only felony charge under Indiana law that does not have a Class A, B, C or D designation.

Noble County chief public defender James Abbs withdrew pleadings about Chorpenning's competency to stand trial and a mental illness defense Tuesday, but said he may refer to confidential doctor's reports in his written submission to the court for sentencing.

Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said he believes the confidential reports support the state's contention that Chorpenning's competency and mental health are not an issue in the case.

Clouse dropped a request to seek life without parole for Chorpenning as part of the plea agreement.

Chorpenning also admitted breaking into Biddle's residence to commit a crime and stealing from Biddle's residence as well as Biddle's car.

The defendant also admitted intimidating a Kendallville man on March 9. Court records indicate Chorpenning told the man to open the door of his residence in five seconds or he would kill him, then started kicking the man's mo-ped.

Chorpenning also admitted stealing another vehicle on March 12 and fleeing from police in the stolen vehicle. That chase ended in a crash that left Chorpenning hospitalized.

The habitual felon charge stems from Chorpenning's May 4, 2001, conviction in DeKalb County for receiving stolen property and an Aug. 25, 2005, conviction in LaGrange County for theft.

The plea agreement calls for the murder case's sentence to be consecutive to the other two cases. Superior Court I Judge Robert Kirsch will have the option of making Chorpenning's sentence on those two cases back to back or at the same time.

Charges within each case would be served at the same time.

Under Indiana law, murder has a sentencing range of 45-65 years, a Class B felony a range of six to 20 years and a Class D felony a range of six months to three years.

Chorpenning would have the right to seek a sentence modification when he turns 60 years old as part of the plea agreement.

Another term of the agreement is that Chorpenning will testify truthfully in the case of his co-defendant in the murder case, Lionel Cox, 22, of Waterloo.

A final pretrial conference in Cox's case is set for Dec. 21. His jury trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 21, 2008. He is charged with murder and four other felony offenses.

Sentencing in the Chorpenning cases was set for March 4, 2008. Abbs requested that the sentencing be after the Cox hearing to allow Abbs time to prepare arguments on behalf of Chorpenning at sentencing.

Clouse will also argue for the state at sentencing.

As part of the plea agreement, related charges of confinement, a Class D felony; trespass, a Class A misdemeanor; and criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor, would be released against Chorpenning.

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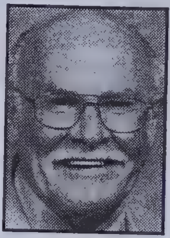
Jack Duvé

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jack C. Duvé, 79, of Wolcottville died at 5:06 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He has been a patient in the hospital since Aug. 30.


Mr. Duvé

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Duvé had been a truck driver with North American Freight Lines in Fort Wayne for many years. He later was in sales. He was also an artist and enjoyed making sculptures.

He attended Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Duvé enjoyed water sports, playing poker and loved being a grandpa.

Mr. Duvé was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving from 1945 to 1948. He was stationed on the USS Valley Forge and sailed around the world.

He was a member of VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville and Rome City American Legion Post 381.

He was born Dec. 17, 1927, in Kendallville to Walter and Maude (Hendricks) Duvé. He married Jane (Wilson) Whitehair in Wolcottville on May 14, 1987. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jill Meyer of LaOtto; a stepdaughter and her husband, Wanda and Marion Landers of Pretty Lake; two sons, Brad Duvé of LaOtto and Hank Duvé of Auburn; two stepsons and their wives, Sam and Vickie Bateman of Columbus, Ind., and Don and Melanie Bateman of Wolcottville; six grandchildren, Matthew Duvé, Christine Duvé, Tana Duvé, Ben Meyer, Andrew Meyer and Nathan Meyer; 10 stepgrandchildren, Curt Landers, Robin Todd, Jack Landers, Chris Bateman, Heather Bateman, Chad Bateman, Kirk Bateman, Kristin Martin, Brent Bateman and Ryan Bateman; five great-grandchildren; 13 stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Glendys Thomas of St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, George Duvé; and two sisters, Jane Duvé, who was his twin and died at birth, and Marjorie Duvé.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Mike McKinney of Rome City United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be Ben Meyer, Andrew Meyer, Nathan Meyer, Chris Bateman, Chad Bateman and Curt Landers.

Military graveside services will be conducted by Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lions Eye Bank.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Zachary Wappes

LAGRANGE — Zachary S. Wappes, 20, of LaGrange died Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, in LaGrange.

Mr. Wappes was a lifetime LaGrange resident. He attended Lakeland High School where he participated in football, golf and baseball.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion at LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

He was born April 28, 1987, in Elkhart to Steve and Becky (Hooley) Wappes. They survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a grandmother, Goldie Hooley of LaGrange; a special friend, Ashley Miller of LaGrange; aunts and uncles, Jackie and Bob Hartman of LaGrange, Jim and Linda Hooley of Kendallville, John and Nancy Wappes of Rome City, and Mike and Sandy Wappes of Syracuse; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bill Hooley and Myron and Joan Wappes.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church of LaGrange.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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James Grinn

KENDALLVILLE — James R. Grinn, 83, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, at 8:53 a.m. at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. Grinn

Mr. Grinn served with the U.S. Coast Guard from 1943 to 1946. He then received a Bachelor of Science Degree in business administration in 1950 from University of Evansville. He was a sales representative for Missouri Portland Cement Co. from June 1963 until his retirement in January 1989.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He also enjoyed University of Evansville basketball and boating on the Ohio River.

He was a member of the Evansville Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Hadi Temple, where he participated in the Drum and Bugle Corp. He was an active member of Old North United Methodist Church in Evansville until moving to Kendallville in 1994, at which time he and his wife, Betty, became members of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

He was born Jan. 28, 1924, in Hobart to Charles "Fritz" and Mary (Kilroy) Grinn. In 1948, he married Betty Jane Pemberton. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Teena Grinn of Plano, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Mindy and Keith Hoffar of Wolcottville; and three grandchildren, Katrina Grinn, Clinton Hoffar and Lauren Hoffar.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison officiating. A gathering of friends will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the University of Evansville Alumni Scholarship, 1800 Lincoln Ave., Evansville, IN 47701 or to Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional surviving relatives.*

Philip Studer

ANGOLA — Philip J. Studer, 57, of Angola died at 10:52 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio, where he was a patient.

Mr. Studer

Mr. Studer was a self-employed upholsterer in Angola and had worked at Pet Milk in Bryan, Ohio, until its closing. He was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club, Sons of the American Legion in Fremont, the Montpelier, Ohio, and Bryan Eagles and the Montpelier Moose Lodge.

He was born June 20, 1950, in Angola to John F. and Mary L. (Dohner) Studer. They survive in Coldwater, Mich.

Also surviving are his wife, Patricia; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Rex Schlatter of Newville and Bridget and Steve Kitchen, of Montpelier, Ohio; three stepchildren and a spouse, Michael A. Dubois of Montpelier, Ohio, Sheri Dubois of Sylvania, Ohio, and Douglas and Glenda Dubois, of Bryan, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kevin and Suzie Studer, of Edgerton, Ohio, and Darrell and Stephanie Studer, of Quincy, Mich.; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Jo and John Armbruster, of Edon, Ohio, Jean Studer of Fremont and Christine and Ron Rhody, of Hicksville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jimmy Studer.

Services will be at a later date. There will be no calling at this time.

Memorials are to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, Hospice Care.

Krill Funeral Home in Bryan, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to include an additional relative who was inadvertently omitted.*

Pete Parr

SOUTH MILFORD — John Robert "Pete" Parr, 66, of rural South Milford died unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, in the emergency room at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Parr was a heavy equipment operator and owned Parr Excavating for more than 20 years. From 1973-1983, he was a business partner with Hugh Eshelman in Eshelman Excavating in Kendallville. He had also worked early on for L.H. Gunsaullus & Sons in Kendallville for about 10 years.

He was a graduate of Kendallville High School.

Mr. Parr was an avid hunter and liked to hunt groundhogs, pheasants and deer with his dog, Bert. He liked to reload his own ammunition and enjoyed shooting in local handgun leagues.

He was born in Kendallville on June 2, 1941, to Robert Martin and Helen Eunice (Call) Parr. His father died in 1974 and his mother died in 1997.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, George and Diana Parr of Huntertown; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Louise and Don Hinds of Kalkaska, Mich., and Linda Parr-Matos and Jacson Matos of Houston, Texas; three stepsons, Clay Helmkamp and his wife, Renae, of Kendallville, Chad Helmkamp of Kendallville, and Matt Helmkamp and his wife, Tonya, of Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Shannon Helmkamp of Kendallville; and stepgrandchildren, Skyler, Taylor, Devin and Sadie.

Services were today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Veronica Thacker

KENDALLVILLE — Veronica Thacker of Kendallville died suddenly Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, at her home.

Among her survivors is her husband, Jeff.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Mavis Slone

KENDALLVILLE — Mavis Slone, 87, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Slone was a homemaker.

She enjoyed tending to her flower gardens, sewing and quilting, and traveling.

Mrs. Slone was born in Hindman, Ky., on Aug. 23, 1920, to Winston and Lenna Sloan. She married Preston Slone on Aug. 25, 1948. He preceded her death Feb. 10, 2005.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Riley and Carol Slone, both of Kendallville; and two grandsons, Nathan and Kevin Riley, both of Kendallville.

Eleven siblings preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Debra Gray

SOUTH WHITLEY — Debra Bell Gray, 43, of South Whitley died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Gray

Mrs. Gray was a homemaker.

She had attended East Noble High School in Kendallville.

She was born June 24, 1964, in Fort Wayne to Richard Dean and Sharon (Gause) Languell. She married Danny Joe Gray on Oct. 21, 1989, at Hope Lutheran Church in Columbia City. He survives in South Whitley.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Sharon K. and David Kienzler of Columbia City; her mother-in-law, Lillian A. Ness of Columbia City; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Twila and Mike Barnes of New Haven, Penny and Jay Woebbeking of St. Joe, and Lisa Languell of Columbia City; a stepsister, Linda McCoy of Churubusco; a stepbrother, Mark Kienzler, who is serving in the U.S. Army; a brother-in-law and his wife, Kevin and Tanya Gray of Columbia City; five nieces, Melissa and Tim Moss of Churubusco, Tiffany Yagel and Kaylin Yagel, both of Columbia City, Haley Terry of Kendallville, and Hollie Barnes of New Haven; and her foster parents, Allen and Karen Engle of Merriam.

She was preceded in death by her father; her father-in-law, Donald Ness; a niece, Jenny Brumbaugh; and her grandparents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Judy Follis officiating. Burial will be in Hope Lutheran Cemetery near Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 5, 2007, Wednesday

Vance Keister, 74

ALBION - Vance "Kook" Keister, 74, of rural Albion passed away on Wednesday, November 28th, 2007 at the Parkview Noble Community Hospital in Kendallville after a two year illness.

Mr. Keister was born on December 3rd, 1932 in Albion to Clarence and Maude Thompson Keister.

Mr. Keister was a railroader for 44 years being employed by the former B & O Railroad, now known as CSX.

Mr. Keister also served his country during the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Army

On June 29th, 1956 he married Ardith Mc Donald. She survives in rural Albion.

Other survivors include two sons and two daughter-in-laws, Kevin and Linda Keister of Albion, Steve and Sandra Keister of Albion; one daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Mike Norris of Albion; Eight grandchildren, Jodie French, Jamie Teders, Bambi Bode, Amber Patte, Ashley and Steven Keister, Kolten Bode, Lacey Burkhart; eight great-grandchildren; three brothers, Danny Keister of New York, Amos Keister of Illinois, Loren Keister of Albion; three sisters; Eloise Miller of Albion, Betty Schlotter of Oklahoma, Pat Iddings of Albion.

Mr. Keister was preceded in death by his parents; 1 grandson, Makota Norris; 1 sister Dorothy Workman and one brother Nicholas John Keister.

Mr. Keister was a proud 51 year member of The American Legion Post # 242 in Albion, Longtime Member of the Albion Eagles, and a Board member of the Central Noble Food Pantry in Albion.

He was a recipient of the Givers of Gifts Award presented by the Noble County Community Foundation for his duties with the Central Noble Food Pantry.

Funeral Services were at the Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel. Rev. Doug Keenan of the Berean Baptist Church in Albion officiated the service.

Burial was at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, with full military graveside rites being conducted by the American Legion Post # 242 in Albion..

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital. The Keister family also suggests that blood donations be made to the American Red Cross in memory of Mr. Keister.

To view the obituary online or to send condolences please visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Willadean C. Snively, 89

AVILLA — Willadean C. Snively, 89, of Avilla died Friday, Nov. 30, 2007, at 4:50 p.m. in Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne with her family by her side.

Mrs. Snively had lived in Avilla since 1988 and was a homemaker.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, gardening, dancing, playing bingo and traveling.

She was born Nov. 4, 1918 in Steuben County to William and Bessie (Ensley) VanPelt. She married Donald Snively on Oct. 30, 1954, in Steuben County. He preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 1988.

Surviving are a daughter, Cindy Caudill of Albion; a granddaughter and her husband, Aimee Caudill-Garrison and James Garrison of Garrett; and two great-grandsons, Parker Garrison and Austin Garrison of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Ursula Shumaker; a nephew, Lavon "Bill" Shumaker; a brother, Donovan VanPelt; a nephew, David VanPelt; and three grandchildren, James R. Clark, Bobby Caudill and Robby Caudill.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Wright Cemetery near Stroh.

Memorials are to the family or the American Cancer Society.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 5, 2007, Wednesday

Marcile Elaine Uhl, 77

AVILLA – Marcile Elaine Uhl, age 77, of Avilla, passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at home with her family by her side.

She was born in Auburn on December 18, 1929 to Carl Henry and Margaret C. (Latson) Haynes.

Mrs. Uhl graduated from Auburn High School in 1947.

Mrs. Uhl married Robert Lynn Uhl on May 31, 1950 at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. Mr. Uhl passed away June 25, 1989.

Besides being a homemaker, Mrs. Uhl was also an Instructional Assistant at Avilla Elementary School from 1972 until 2002.

She was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Uhl loved watching all sports especially those that her grandchildren participated in. She looked forward each year to volunteering at the Noble County Community Fair. She enjoyed collecting Uhl Pottery and she spent many mornings with friends at the coffee shop.

Mrs. Uhl is survived by two sons, Rodney and Barbara Uhl of Batesville, Mississippi and Scott and Rose Uhl of Avilla; one daughter, Tana and Dan Brown of LaOtto; two sisters; Donna and Max Reynolds of Auburn and Judy and Jack Kruse of Kent, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Angie and Billy Stephenson, Shelby and Matt Liebing, Sarina and Josh Schroeder, Shay and Luke Amstutz, Andy Uhl, Michelle and Randy Krock, Chad and Jennifer Honaker, Zach Honaker, Toni Soncrant and Chuck Soncrant; 14 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Uhl was preceded in death by her parents; Carl Henry Haynes and Margaret C.(Latson) Haynes; her husband Robert Lynn Uhl and a sister; Charolet May Haynes.

Funeral Services were Sunday, at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Susan Socha .

Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Kendallville, IN.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Margaret Leola Baisden, 68

KENDALLVILLE – Margaret Leola Baisden, age 68, of Kendallville died on Sunday, December 2, 2007 at her residence.

Mrs. Baisden was born in Warriormine, West Virginia on August 13, 1939 to Frazier Thomas and Annie Leola (Davis) Brown.

She married Cecil Baisden on May 13, 1965 in Cleveland, Ohio and he preceded her death July 26, 1990.

Survivors include: three daughters, Patty Boyd, Brenda Gibson of Kendallville and Martha Morgan of Albion; two sons, Cecil and Michelle Baisden of Kendallville and Roger and Dawn Baisden of Avilla; a brother, Frazier Brown, Jr. of Tampa, Florida; seventeen grandchildren, Joey Boyd, Casaundra Huerta, Amber Hake, Zachery Walsh, Charles Morgan, Alexis Baisden, Allison Baisden, Tabitha Bowers, Ryan Osborne, Kayla Baisden, Raven Baisden, Brittany Baisden, Kursten Baisden and Katie Moreno; three great grandchildren: Berabe Moreno VI, Sebastien Huerta, and baby Huerta.

She was also preceded in death by brothers, Frank and Roger Brown and sisters, Sue Cooper, Thelma Jo Stevens, Lorraine Singel, and Louise Barnes.

Graveside funeral services were held at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville with Pastor Brent Wedding officiating the service.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 5, 2007, Wednesday

Maxine Feagles, 81

CHURUBUSCO – Maxine Feagles, 81, a resident of rural Churubusco in Noble County and widow of Howard E. Feagles, died Thursday afternoon, November 29, 2007, at her home in Green Township. Although she had been in declining health for some time, her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Feagles was born on November 30, 1925 in Hersey, Michigan, a daughter of Delos M. and Inez (Nash) Pion. She spent her formative years in Reed City, Michigan, and graduated from high school there.

As a young woman, she moved to Fort Wayne and was married in St. Louis, Missouri on September 22, 1947 to Howard E. Feagles. The couple spent most of their married lives in Fort Wayne and later returned to Reed City where they lived for ten years. They had returned to this area in 1986.

She had been employed as a drug store cashier in Fort Wayne and had also worked several summers for R. L. Polk City Directories.

Mr. Feagles preceded her in death on August 25, 1989.

The surviving relatives include her two children Jerry L. (Marlene) Feagles of Churubusco and Ann (James) Stoll of Merriam; two sisters Ruth (Jim) Spence of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Shirley (Ed) Harris of White Cloud, Mich; two brothers Ed (Eva) Pion of Reed City, Mich. and Charles (Wanda) Pion of Paris, Mich; and two granddaughters Sara (Nick) Holmes and Tiffany Feagles.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers Robert Pion and Maynard Pion; and by a sister Margaret Palmer.

Services were held December 2, 2007, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Terry Zolman, pastor of Merriam Christian Chapel officiated.

Internment took place at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805 or Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, 301 W. Superior, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Feagle's name, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

THE NEWS SUN
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December 6, 2007, Thursday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to clarify the date of services.*

Keith Orewiler

AUBURN — Keith R. Orewiler, 95, of Auburn died at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Orewiler had retired from the Indiana Department of Transportation. He had also worked for the Angola Police Department for 25 years.

He was a lifetime area resident.

Mr. Orewiler was a former member of the Angola American Legion Post. He enjoyed horse racing, auto racing and his association with the police department.

He was born Oct. 1, 1912, in Steuben County to Roy and Nellie (Maxton) Orewiler.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and John Liechty of Auburn; two sons, Dean Orewiler and his fiancee, Diane Avery, of Kendallville and Larry Orewiler and his fiancee, Lorie Knight, of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Arri and Ian Orewiler of Kendallville and James Orewiler of Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Orewiler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Dec. 13 at the funeral home.

Arnold Johnson

CARMEL — Arnold Johnson, 86, of Carmel died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007.

Mr. Johnson had been a plant staff supervisor for Indiana Bell, retiring in 1980.

He was a member of East 91st Street Christian Church, Carmel American Legion and Telephone Pioneers of America.

Mr. Johnson served in the U.S. Army and received four Bronze Stars and an accommodation for outstanding performance of duty.

He was born May 19, 1921, in Cromwell to Charles and Gertrude (Reed) Johnson.

Surviving are his wife, Carole R. Denslow Johnson; his children, David and Suzanne Johnson, Gary and Cecelia Johnson and Judy Johnson Woods; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marciel Johnson; a brother, Larry; and a sister, Evelyn.

Memorials are to the church, the Salvation Army or the American Legion.

Flanner & Buchanan in Carmel was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to Carole Johnson at 12295 Brompton Road, Caramel, IN 46033.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information from the funeral home.*

Margaret Baisden

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Leola Baisden, 68, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Baisden was born in Warriormine, W.Va., on Aug. 13, 1939, to Frazier Thomas and Annie Leola (Davis) Brown. She married Cecil Baisden on March 13, 1965, in Cleveland, Ohio. He preceded her death on July 26, 1990.

Surviving are three daughters, Patty Boyd and Brenda Gibson, both of Kendallville, and Martha Morgan of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil and Michele Baisden of Kendallville and Roger and Dawn Baisden of Avilla; a brother, Frazier Brown Jr. of Tampa, Fla.; 15 grandchildren, Joey Boyd, Casaundra Huerta, Amber Hake, Zachery Walsh, Charles Morgan, Alexis Baisden, Allison Baisden, Tabitha Bowers, Ryan Osborne, Kayla Baisden, Raven Baisden, Brittany Baisden, Kursten Baisden, Jessica Moreno and Katie Moreno; and three great-grandchildren, Bernade Moreno VI, Sebastien Huerta and baby Huerta.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Frank and Roger Brown; and five sisters, Sue Cooper, Thelma Jo Stevens, Lorraine Singel, Kathrine Mills and Louise Barnes.

Graveside funeral services were Monday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with Pastor Brent Wedding officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Kenneth Zellers

AUBURN — Kenneth W. Zellers, 88, of Auburn died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Zellers

Mr. Zellers was a brakeman with the B&O Railroad for 39 years, retiring in 1978.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a 62-year member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn. He participated in the Library of Congress Veterans History Project in Washington, D.C., and loved golf and sports.

He was born in Willard, Ohio, to George and Thelma Zellers. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth "Skip" and Douglas Zellers, both of Auburn; a stepson, Fred Mock of Willard, Ohio; three grandchildren, Scott Zellers of Scottsburg, Toby Zellers of Auburn and Dawn Cooper of Cincinnati, Ohio; and five great-grandchildren, Lisa, Wyatt and Zoe Zellers, all of Scottsburg, and Jacob and Ashley Cooper of Cincinnati, Ohio.

His wife, Jane Zellers, preceded him in death in 1991.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Richard Rector

KENDALLVILLE — Richard D. Rector, 53, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Stella Kundzala

LAGRANGE — Stella A. Kundzala, 87, of LaGrange died at 9:10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

A prayer service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Other arrangements are pending at the funeral home.

Norma Bitner

LIGONIER — Longtime educator Norma M. Bitner, 80, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Bitner

Mrs. Bitner retired in 1995 from West Noble High School as an English teacher after 20 years of service.

She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church.

A native of Syracuse, Mrs. Bitner grew up in New York and graduated from Peekskill High School in Peekskill, N.Y. She moved back to Indiana in the 1940s and graduated in 1974 with honors from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bitner enjoyed all types of group dancing and when she was young she raised many Arabian horses.

She was born on April 3, 1927, in Syracuse to Harvey S. and Ruth (Lung) Cole.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Dan Reynolds of Ligonier; and two grandsons and their wives, Ryan and Kelley Reynolds of Columbia City and Nathan and Erica Reynolds of Ligonier.

She was preceded by her parents, Harvey Cole and Ruth Weaver; a daughter, Kathy Bitner; and a son, Wendell Bitner.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Reynolds officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, P.O. Box 471, Kendallville, IN 46755.

To send condolences to the family, visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Delon Waltenberger Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Delon Ray Waltenberger Sr., 71, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at his home following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Waltenberger

Mr. Waltenberger retired in 2002 from Dexter Axle in Albion after 19 years of service. He had previously worked at Magnavox, Bowmar and ITT, all in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 985 in Kendallville.

He graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Waltenberger played lead guitar with other members of his family in the country rock band Wheels In Motion. The band played at local venues for many years.

He enjoyed making crafts and attending shows and selling his handiwork.

Mr. Waltenberger was well versed with his computer and enjoyed surfing on e-Bay and CAD Drafting sites. He also enjoyed growing tomatoes in his garden and spending time with his family.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 7, 1936, to Darrell and Bernice (Walker) Waltenberger. He married Shirley Frances Counterman on July 17, 1954, in Burr Oak, rural Albion. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lonnie and Sharon Waltenberger of Kendallville, Dennis and Jewel Waltenberger of San Leandro, Calif., and Jimmy and Crystal Waltenberger of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dawn and Jim August of Sheridan, Wyo., Debbie Waltenberger of Kentucky and Donna and Terry Davis of Rome City; 15 grandchildren, Tammy and Kenny Lindley, Tara and Tony Braden, Marissa, David and Darcy Forker, Denny, Jeffrey, Deondre and Joseph Waltenberger; Kristy and Dustin Clark and Kimberly Vanderpool; 13 great-grandchildren, Kenny and Sieara Lindley, Seth and Taylor Bender, Dakota, Hailey and Trevor Braden, Mikaela Forker, Karra Rarick, Tisyn and Jaden Clark, Kattie Bush and Gabbie Sanborn; and his stepmother, Oneita Waltenberger of DeKalb, Ill.

He was preceded in death by parents; an infant son, Murl Darrell Waltenberger in 1955; and a granddaughter, Tisha Marie Bender in 1997.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Ron Stratman officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Dustin Clark, Kenny Lindley, Tony Braden, David Forker, Brian Rarick and Kenny Sandborn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Veronica Thacker

KENDALLVILLE — Veronica M. Thacker, 43, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, at her home.

She had been employed for eight years at Colwell General in Kendallville.

Mrs. Thacker graduated from East Noble High School in 1982.

She enjoyed watching cooking shows on television and traveling with her husband when he played with his band, the White Oak Bluegrass.

She was a member of The House of Prayer Full Gospel Church in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville on April 25, 1964, to Sidney T. and Margaret M. (Hall) Bryant. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Kendallville. She married Jeff Thacker on Sept. 10, 1984, at the Allen Chapel Church in Kendallville. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Ashley R. Thacker of Kendallville; a brother, Thomas L. Bryant of Kendallville; and several aunts and uncles.

She was also preceded in death by her grandparents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Emory Gibson officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Lisa Marie Toner

NEW YORK — Lisa Marie Toner, 41, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, in New York City.

Ms. Toner was a member of the faculty and former department chair of the English department at Tri-State University, where she taught technical writing, international communication and English courses. She also taught at Wheeling Jesuit University and the Writing Center at the University of Kentucky.

She attended college at the College of Mount St. Vincent in the Bronx, N.Y., receiving her Bachelor of Arts in 1989. She received her doctor of philosophy degree from Purdue University in English, majoring in rhetoric and composition, in 1996. She presented her academic research at national conferences, including the College Composition and Communication Conference. She loved animals and was interested in drama and Irish music and culture.

She was born on Dec. 4, 1966, to Hugh and Carol Toner. Both survive in Leesport, Pa.

She is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Sean and Stephanie Toner of Palmyra, N.J.; her nephew, Hugh; aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be Friday at Mount St. Vincent's College in the Bronx, with graveside rites in Pennsylvania.

Condolences may be sent to the Toner family. Memorial donations are to The Lymphoma Foundation, www.LymphomaFoundation.org.

Alexander Failor

WOLCOTTVILLE — Alexander Richard Failor, 4 months, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 6, 2007, to Scott and Crystal D. (Nitcher) Failor.

Surviving with his parents are two brothers, Thomas Failor of Angola and Crystien Nitcher of Wolcottville; his grandparents, Dana Failor of Fort Wayne and Linda Bowman of Auburn; a great-grandmother, Betty Failor of Fort Wayne; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Larry Nitcher and Vickie Nitcher; and a great-grandmother, Harriett Nitcher.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Mike Failor officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery at South Milford.

Memorials are to the family.

Helen Fisher

BUTLER — Helen "Bumps" Fisher, 93, formerly of Butler, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, at Wolf Creek Nursing Center in Toledo, Ohio.

She was retired from her career as a secretary for Fisher Insurance and Kandel Insurance. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Butler.

She was born Sept. 7, 1914, in Toledo to Ralph and Ethel (Tess) White. They preceded her in death.

She married Argus Fisher on Aug. 24, 1935, in Angola, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Mary Fisher of Waterville, Ohio; three grandchildren and their spouses, Dr. Timothy and Judy Fisher of Whitehouse, Ohio, Michelle and Dino Paglia of Columbus, Ohio, and Melinda Fisher of Maumee, Ohio; and three great-grandchildren, Brandon Fisher of Columbus, Ashley Paglia of Columbus and Tyler Fisher of Maumee.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Keltner.

Private family services will take place, with burial in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Butler.

Condolences may be sent at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
December 6, 2007, Thursday

Kenneth Lantz

TOPEKA — Kenneth Wayne Lantz, 54, of Topeka died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Lantz was a supervisor at Dexter Chassis Group (Leland Engineering) for 10 years, until he retired for health reasons. He has also worked at Kendallville and Wolcottville Lumber companies. He was also employed at Jayco in Middlebury for 10 years, prior to Dexter Chassis Group.

He was a graduate of White Pigeon High School, White Pigeon, Mich. He enjoyed fishing. He attended Topeka Baptist Church in Topeka.

He was born Feb. 3, 1953, to Kenneth and Esther (Miller) Lantz in LaGrange. He married Kim Coker on July 9, 1977, in Woodruff. She survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Esther and Richard Kuhn of Wolcottville; three daughters and a son-in-law, Paula and Blane Diehl of LaGrange, Jennifer Marner of Ligonier and Stace Lantz of Topeka; a son, Allen Lantz of Topeka; three brothers, Marvin Lantz of Howe and Gerry and Roy Lantz, both of Sturgis, Mich.; and five grandchildren, Brian, Bethany, Joslyn, Lavinnia and Blake.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Lantz, in 2005.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with Pastor Gene Parker officiating. Burial was in Wolcottville Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Goshen Hospice or Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Arrangements by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Arleen Oesch

TOPEKA — Arleen L. Oesch, 88, of Topeka died at 9:03 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Oesch had been hospitalized for the past six weeks.

Mrs. Oesch was employed for more than 30 years in civil service, working as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service in the Topeka post office.

She was a lifetime resident of Topeka and a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren. Her hobbies included knitting, stamp collecting and birds, especially cardinals.

Mrs. Oesch also enjoyed bowling, music and watchng sports, especially Bobby Knight and golf.

She was born Feb. 15, 1919, to Riley and Maude (Zerbe) Kendall. She married Stanley G. Oesch on Sept. 29, 1940, in Wawaka Church of the Brethren. He died March 31, 2005.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry A. and Darlene Oesch of Goshen and Timothy K. and Beverly Oesch of Topeka; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa A. and Dan Garman of New Haven; a daughter-in-law, Gloria Oesch of Goshen; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother, Eldon Kendall of Lima, Ohio; and a sister, Vera Berkey of Goshen.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Bruce S. Oesch; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Laurel Kendall.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with Pastor Verne Leininger officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling was Wednesday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier and one hour prior to services today at the church.

Memorials are to Wawaka Church of the Brethren or Gideons International.

To send the family condolences. visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Louise Robinson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Louise Robinson, 70, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at 3:10 a.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange where she had been a patient since Saturday. She had been in failing health for four years.

Mrs. Robinson

Mrs. Robinson had retired from Essex in Topeka.

She had lived in the area for 50 years.

She was born Oct. 11, 1937, in Tribbey, Ky., to Robert and Geneva (Allen) Miller. In 1954, she married Buck Robinson in Hindman, Ky. He died March 21, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Kathy Robinson of Wolcottville; two grandsons, Robert Wayne Robinson and David Lee Robinson; two sisters, Clara Robinson of Kimmell and Rachel Brewer of LaGrange; and three brothers, Arnold Miller of Topeka, Michael Miller of Sturgis, Mich., and Johnny Miller of Wapakoneta, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Richard Rector

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Dee "Rick" Rector, 53, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He had been employed the past eight years at Guardian Industries in Ligonier. He had previously managed several auto repair shops.

Mr. Rector joined the United States Army after finishing high school and served his country from 1973 until 1989. He was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant.

He was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Kendallville where he was an elder in the church.

He enjoyed anything that involved his family, church, outdoors or sports. Mr. Rector was a former Scout Master for Boy Scouts. He did volunteer work for several communities in the area and he loved to be around babies. In his spare time he liked to play board games and cards.

Mr. Rector was born in Tacoma, Wash., on March 9, 1954, to Paul Edward Rector and Betty Jane (Clark) Rector. He married Laurie Lee Burns on May, 21, 1994, in Westerville, Ohio. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are eight daughters and sons-in-law, Latisha Leigh Rector, Penny Lou Caito, Jennifer Leigh Salzgaber of Delaware, Ohio, Alexandria Michelle and James Burniston of Kendallville, Brittany Marie Salzgaber of Delaware, Ohio, Elizabeth Jean Salzgaber of Kendallville, Hannah Christine Rector of Kendallville, and Shannon Nicole Rector of Kendallville; three sisters; 13 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters; and two grandsons.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Kendallville. President Randall Hunt will officiate at the services. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with information about additional surviving relatives.*

Kenneth Zellers

AUBURN — Kenneth W. Zellers, 88, of Auburn died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Zellers

Mr. Zellers was a brakeman with the B&O Railroad for 39 years, retiring in 1978.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a 62-year member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn. He participated in the Library of Congress Veterans History Project in Washington, D.C., and loved golf and sports.

He was born in Willard, Ohio, to George and Thelma Zellers. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth "Skip" and Nila Zellers and Douglas Zellers, all of Auburn; a stepson and his wife, Fred and Faye Mock of Willard, Ohio; three grandchildren, Scott Zellers of Scottsburg, Toby Zellers of Auburn and Dawn Cooper of Cincinnati, Ohio; and five great-grandchildren, Lisa, Wyatt and Zoe Zellers, all of Scottsburg, and Jacob and Ashley Cooper of Cincinnati, Ohio.

His wife, Jane Zellers, preceded him in death in 1991.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Stella Kundzala

LAGRANGE — Stella A. Kundzala, 87, of LaGrange died at 9:10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Kundzala had retired after more than 15 years of service as a cook with Hoffman-LaRoche. She had also worked at the Colonade Cafeteria in Newark, N.J.

While living in New Jersey, she had been active assisting senior citizens. She traveled alone from New Jersey to New York by public transport to attend activities at Radio City Music Hall and other destinations.

Mrs. Kundzala enjoyed crocheting, nature and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Nov. 6, 1920, in Greenwood, Pa., to Kazimierz and Alexandra (Gromkowska) Laskowski. She married John J. Kundzala on Sept. 21, 1940, in Dupont, Pa. He died in 1956.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jackie and Edgar Evans of Howe and Maggie and Michael Comer of Jackson, Maine; four grandchildren, Ed and Sara Evans of Wichita, Kan., Brian and Diana Evans of Three Rivers, Mich., Kelly and Michael Dionne of Thorndike, Maine, and Sean Comer and Paulina Teng of Bellingham, Mass.; and two great-grandchildren, Claire and Rory.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Joseph, Tom, Frank and Anthony; and two sisters, Laura and Mary.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Father Mark Weaver of St. Joseph Catholic Church officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Activities Department at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

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Neil Furney

COLDWATER, Mich. — Neil D. Furney, 70, of Coldwater, Mich., died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at the Laurels of Coldwater.

He was a lifelong Branch County, Mich., farmer. He and his wife raised dairy cattle. He graduated from high school in 1956 and worked at Southern Michigan Grocery until 1961 when he began farming in Batavia Township, Mich.

He was a member of the Branch County Farm Bureau and enjoyed hunting.

He was born Aug. 15, 1937, in Coldwater, to Clarence and Fern (Claar) Furney. He married Frances Hawley on April 23, 1960, in Coldwater. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Pat and Tony Fouty Furney of Camden, Mich., and Diane Pope of Coldwater; and son and daughter-in-law, Clyde and Starla Furney of Climax, Mich.; five grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Duane and Sheila Furney of Coldwater; two sisters, Evelyn Weber of Fremont, and Neta Hardy of Toledo, Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Wilma Furney of Coldwater.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Glen Furney, in September 2007.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturdayat Matteson Township Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to the Laurels of Coldwater Activity Fund.

Kolcz Funeral Home of Bronson is in charge of arrangements.

Terry Frost

GARRETT — Terry J. Frost, 44, of Garrett died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Frost was a member of New Life Ministries of Garrett.

He was born June 2, 1963, in Fort Wayne to Richard and Rita (Phillips) Frost. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are his companion, Joan Walker of Garrett; a son, Michael Frost of Garrett; two daughters and a son-in-law, Brystle and Lynn K immery of Tennessee and Chelsie Shadrack of Arizona; a stepdaughter and her husband, Barbara and Todd Clendenon of Tennessee; three grandchidren, Brennon Frost-Kimmery, Kamrick Kimmery and Kayden Kimmery; one stepgrandchild, Madison Adkison; a sister and brother-in-law, Tina and William Hensinger of Garrett; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Tony and Penny Frost of Corunna and Bryan Frost of Garrett; and a grandmother, Mabel Kearns of Columbia City.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Pastor Lane Andrews will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are in care of the funeral home.

Helene Briggs

AUBURN — Helene M. (Henry) Briggs, 83, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker. She graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1942 and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

Mrs. Briggs

Surviving are her husband, Donald R. Briggs of Auburn; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Wally Sakamoto of Hawaii, Carol Briggs of Fort Wayne, Kristine and Adam Connelly of Fort Wayne and Barbara and Lee Chapman of Bloomington; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Martha Briggs of Indianapolis; a sister, Doris Fosnaugh of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, Norman Henry and Jack Henry, both of Fort Wayne, and Joe Henry of Wolcottville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Lillian (Degitz) Henry.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will take place Sunday at 5 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Catholic Relief Services, 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201 or The City of St. Jude, 2048 W., Fairview Ave., Montgomery, AL 36108.

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Calvin Clarke

FORT WAYNE — Calvin B. Clarke, DDS, 84, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Auburn, Mr. Clarke was a self-employed dentist for 35 years in a practice limited to children.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran. During World War II he served four years on a minesweeper off Anzio, Italy, and his ship was blown up. After his discharge from the Navy, he attended Butler University in Indianapolis.

He entered the Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1948 and graduated in 1952. He took an internship at the Strong Carter Dental Clinic for Children in Honolulu, Hawaii, for one year and began his practice in Fort Wayne in 1953.

He served as president of the Indiana Society of Dentists for Children from 1965-1966 and was president of the Indiana Society of Pedodontists from 1971-1972. He served as president of the Indiana Dental Society and was a member for 50 years.

He was 33rd degree Mason and was a member of F&AM Lodge 214, Auburn, and the Scottish Rite. He sang with the Shrine Chanters for many years

He was born Jan. 26, 1923, in Auburn, the youngest of four sons of Dr. Charles R. and Helen (Bauer) Clarke. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Lucille C. (Capobianco) Clarke of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathleen and Ted Cacouris of Portland, Ore., and Judith Anne Clarke of Gatesville, Texas; and three grandchildren, Dimitri Cacouris, Christina Cacouris and Zakary C. Clarke.

He was preceded in death by a son, Charles, and a daughter, Susan.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Robert Arenobine officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling will be at the funeral home Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. A Masonic service will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to the Shrine Children's Hospital or Matthew 25 Clinic.

Ramona Nedele

ANGOLA — Ramona W. Nedele, Angola, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2007.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

DeWayne Halsey

HUDSON — DeWayne Halsey, 69, of Hudson died Friday afternoon, Dec. 7, 2007, at Sacred Heart Healthcare.

Mr. Halsey was raised in the Stroh area.

Services are pending with Young Family Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Juanita Irvin

Mrs. Irvin

CHURUBUSCO — Juanita G. Irvin, 97, of Churubusco died at 5:55 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Irvin, formerly of Galatia, Ill., lived in New Haven for several years. A 1938 graduate of Galatia High School, she was employed as a specification writer at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 25 years. She was a member of Galatia United Methodist Church and attended Collins United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Irvin was born on Nov. 25, 1920, in Galatia, Ill., to James L. and Reba (Evans) Garner. She married Bernie F. Irvin on April 14, 1940. He preceded her in death in 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and James A. Bearman of Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill D. and Jeanne Irwin of New Haven; a sister, Edith Henn of Galatia, Ill.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at the Masonic Cemetery in Raleigh, Ill. at 2 p.m. (1 p.m. Central Standard Time) on Friday, Dec. 14, with the Rev. Buddy Payton officiating. Burial will follow.

There will be no visiting hours, at the request of the family.

Memorials are to Galatia United Methodist Church in Galatia, Ill.

Condolences may be sent online at www.sheetsandchilds.net. Local arrangements are by Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

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Fannie Eash

Mrs. Eash

GOSHEN — Fannie Eash, 90, of Goshen died at 6:40 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, at Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Eash, formerly of Middlebury, was a homemaker. She worked at Wanberg Popcorn in Middlebury and Yoder Popcorn in Topeka. She also worked at Varn's & Hoover Hardware in Middlebury.

She was a member of First Mennonite Church in Middlebury, where she was very active and served on several committees and taught Sunday school. She was active in sewing circles. Mrs. Eash and her husband did volunteer service work for nine years for the Mennonite Board of Missions in Elkhart as host for the mission hostel. They served one year, in 1985, at Glencroft in Arizona.

Mrs. Eash was born Jan. 11, 1917, in Mio, Mich., to David D. and Katie (Jantzi) Kauffman. She married Joe Eash on Jan. 1, 1938, in Middlebury. He preceded her in death Jan. 8, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Fern and John Knepp of Middlebury; three sons and daughters-in-law, Orlan and Sara Eash of Elkhart, Olen and Ella Eash of Nappanee and Elwin and Ruth Eash of Middlebury; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Adeline and Sam Graber, and a brother and sister-in-law, Alvin and Mary Kauffman, all of Middlebury.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three sisters, Mayme Reigsecker, Barbara Frye and Maudie Graber; and four brothers, Louis, Floyd, Henry and infant David.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Revs. Linford Martin and Pamela Yoder officiating. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery in Goshen. Pallbearers will be Mike Eash, Todd Eash, Chad Eash, Scott Eash, Randy Eash and Rick Miller.

Calling will be 1-6 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, and 9-10 a.m. Monday at First Mennonite Church.

Memorials are to Mennonite Missions Network or the church.

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Paul Whan

KENDALLVILLE — Paul A. Whan, 67, of Kendallville died Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, at Visiting Home and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Whan

A 1958 graduate of Avilla High School, Mr. Whan owned Paul A. Whan Nationwide Insurance Agency in Kendallville. He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville Lodge 276 Free & Accepted Masons, the Mizpah Shrine and Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne, American Legion Post 86, Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce and Ducks Unlimited. He had attended Toledo Barber College.

He was actively involved at the Noble Hawk Golf Links where he spent time helping around the clubhouse and cooking on the grill for special events. He was an avid sportsman and outdoorsman and enjoyed being outside, close to Mother Nature. His hobbies and interests were hunting, fishing, golfing, gardening and his beagle, Max. He previously coached Little League Baseball and belonged to the Kendallville Jaycees.

Mr. Whan was born in Swan Township, Avilla, on Jan. 7, 1940, to Kermit G. and Lileth A. (Weaver) Whan. He married Joyce A. Wilson on Oct. 7, 1961, in Kendallville at Trinity Church United Methodist. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his mother, Lileth Whan of Avilla; two daughters and one son-in-law, Terri and Jeff Keck of Phoenix, Ariz., and Tracy Lehman of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Susannah Whan of Lexington, Ky.; six grandchildren, Kevinn Keck of Flagstaff, Ariz., Jeremy Keck of Phoenix, Ariz., Cliff Hannon and Callie Lehman, both of Fort Wayne, and Emma and Nicklaus Whan, both of Lexington, Ky.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Clara Whan of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kermit, and a sister, Janis Groll.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Active pallbearers will be Cliff Hannon, Jeremy Keck, Nick Whan, Tom Shellenbarger, Scott Gray, Tim Dykstra and John Dodson. Honorary pallbearers will be Dave Grubb, Pete Rogers, Kelly Whitehead, Sandy Arnold, Rhonda Fortress and Brittany Schnellbach.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Lutheran Heart Transplant Assistance Fund.

Condolences may be sent online at www.hitefuneralhome.com, and a video tribute will be available at that site after Sunday.

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Inner vision: Walker didn't let blindness stop him

BY AMY OBERLIN
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ANGOLA — John E. Walker could take apart a clock and put it back together.

He could play piano, work on a computer and drive a car. He even jumped out of an airplane once.

While these accomplishments may not seem remarkable, they were milestones for Walker. Born April 11, 1938 with cataracts and a progressive vision disability, Walker's eyes were removed before he was 5 years old. He lived his life with eyes of glass; blind, but not incapable.

"He called it handicapable," said Walker's son, Casey, of Angola.

Walker died at the age of 69 on Oct. 30 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne after retiring in April from Tyden-Brammall, where he had done hand assembly for almost 28 years. He always worked, and drew government disability funds only when he had colon problems, family members said.

"Everything he has ever done was for his wife," said Casey's wife, Jennifer, who was also John and his wife Jean's first female foster child.

His name was John Lower when he met Jean in the early 1960s. John played piano and Jean was a cocktail waitress at the Hamilton House in Hamilton. They talked a lot, and she began driving him home after work to Pleasant Lake.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

John E. Walker plays keyboards and sings in a photo used on the cover of his CD, "Home Spun," which features instrumentals and vocals by himself. The CD is available for $10.

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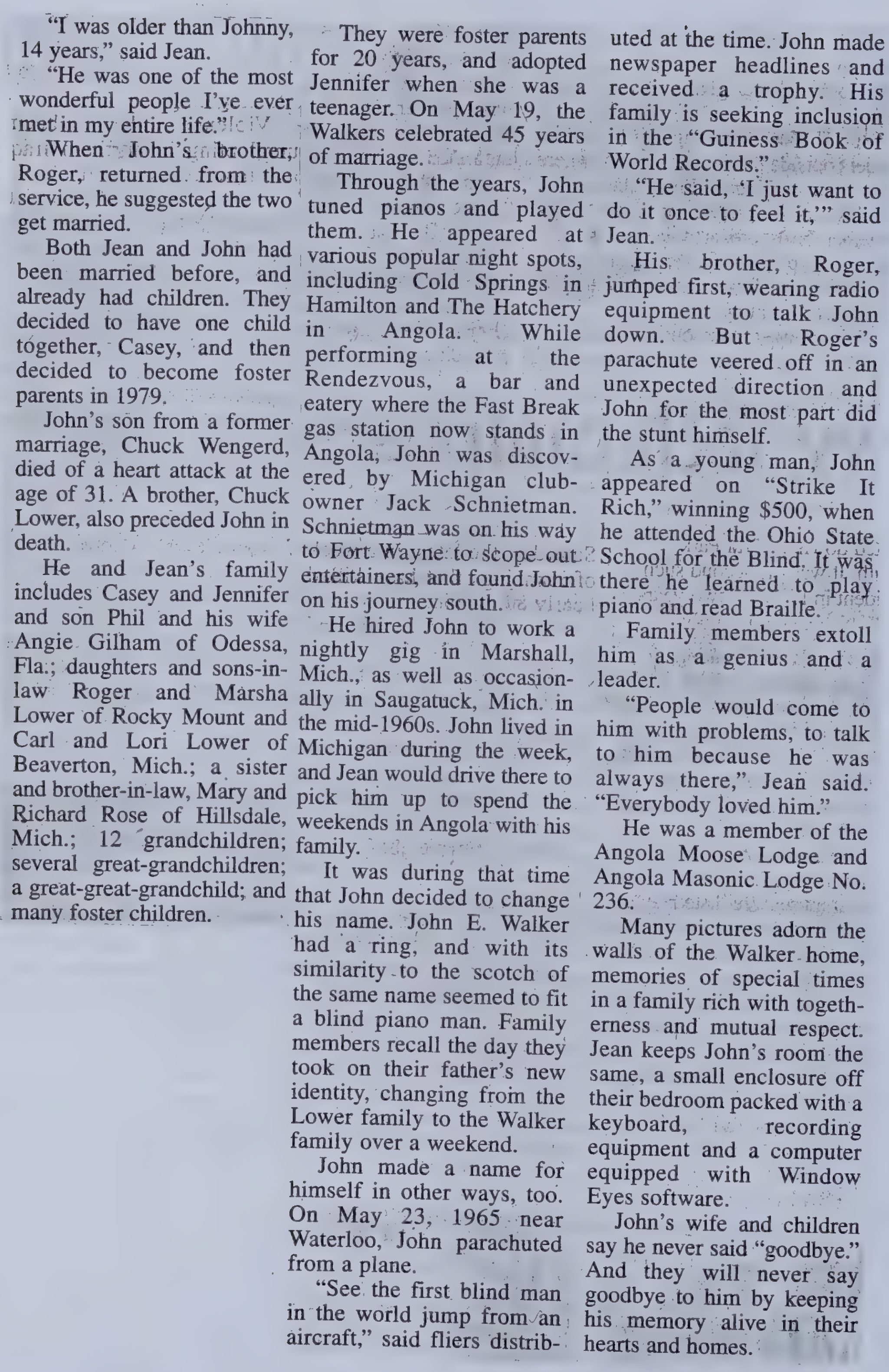

"I was older than Johnny, 14 years," said Jean.

"He was one of the most wonderful people I've ever met in my entire life."

When John's brother, Roger, returned from the service, he suggested the two get married.

Both Jean and John had been married before, and already had children. They decided to have one child together, Casey, and then decided to become foster parents in 1979.

John's son from a former marriage, Chuck Wengerd, died of a heart attack at the age of 31. A brother, Chuck Lower, also preceded John in death.

He and Jean's family includes Casey and Jennifer and son Phil and his wife Angie Gilham of Odessa, Fla.; daughters and sons-in-law Roger and Marsha Lower of Rocky Mount and Carl and Lori Lower of Beaverton, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Richard Rose of Hillsdale, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and many foster children.

They were foster parents for 20 years, and adopted Jennifer when she was a teenager. On May 19, the Walkers celebrated 45 years of marriage.

Through the years, John tuned pianos and played them. He appeared at various popular night spots, including Cold Springs in Hamilton and The Hatchery in Angola. While performing at the Rendezvous, a bar and eatery where the Fast Break gas station now stands in Angola, John was discovered by Michigan club-owner Jack Schnietman. Schnietman was on his way to Fort Wayne to scope out entertainers, and found John on his journey south.

He hired John to work a nightly gig in Marshall, Mich., as well as occasionally in Saugatuck, Mich. in the mid-1960s. John lived in Michigan during the week, and Jean would drive there to pick him up to spend the weekends in Angola with his family.

It was during that time that John decided to change his name. John E. Walker had a ring, and with its similarity to the scotch of the same name seemed to fit a blind piano man. Family members recall the day they took on their father's new identity, changing from the Lower family to the Walker family over a weekend.

John made a name for himself in other ways, too. On May 23, 1965 near Waterloo, John parachuted from a plane.

"See the first blind man in the world jump from an aircraft," said fliers distributed at the time. John made newspaper headlines and received a trophy. His family is seeking inclusion in the "Guiness Book of World Records."

"He said, 'I just want to do it once to feel it,'" said Jean.

His brother, Roger, jumped first, wearing radio equipment to talk John down. But Roger's parachute veered off in an unexpected direction and John for the most part did the stunt himself.

As a young man, John appeared on "Strike It Rich," winning $500, when he attended the Ohio State School for the Blind. It was there he learned to play piano and read Braille.

Family members extoll him as a genius and a leader.

"People would come to him with problems, to talk to him because he was always there," Jean said. "Everybody loved him."

He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236.

Many pictures adorn the walls of the Walker home, memories of special times in a family rich with togetherness and mutual respect. Jean keeps John's room the same, a small enclosure off their bedroom packed with a keyboard, recording equipment and a computer equipped with Window Eyes software.

John's wife and children say he never said "goodbye." And they will never say goodbye to him by keeping his memory alive in their hearts and homes.

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Jacob Wall

PLEASANT LAKE — Jacob Daniel Wall, infant, of Pleasant Lake, was stillborn on Dec. 8, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He is survived by his parents, Randy and Amy (Hopson) Wall of Pleasant Lake; paternal grandparents Donald and Sharon Graham of Pleasant Lake; maternal grandfather Jack Hopson of Ashley; great-grandparents, Jaqueline and Darrell Curtis of Kentucky, and Patty and Jack Hopson of Metz; a brother, Isaac in Pleasant Lake; two sisters, MiRanda Davies and Haley Armstrong, of Pleasant Lake; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Sheila Hopson, on Nov. 26, 2006.

Services will be held graveside at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Cemetery in Steuben County. There is no calling.

Memorials are to the family, care of Randy and Amy Wall.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is handling the arrangements.

Marcella Biddle

KENDALLVILLE — Marcella B. Biddle, 90, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Biddle was a homemaker.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 16, 1916, to Archie Stewart and Rosella Jahn. Both preceded her in death. She was married to Harold W. Biddle. He died in 1975.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Larry Stoppenhagen of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Cynthia Biddle of Kendallville; two granddaughters and their spouses, Kristine and David Botas, and Lisa and Ed Oschmann, all of Fort Wayne; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home — Wayne Street Chapel in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Ronald Stratman officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, and an hour before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

DeWayne Halsey

HUDSON — DeWayne Halsey, 69, of Hudson, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Halsey had been a truck driver for Star Fleet in Middlebury.

He was resident of the Stroh area most of his life. He enjoyed fishing.

He was born March 25, 1938, in Wolcottville to Ted and Reva (Forker) Halsey. Both preceded him in death.

He is survived by two sons, Dennis Halsey and Gary Halsey both of Hudson; six grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; and one brother, LeRoy Halsey of Eustis, Fla.

Mr. Halsey

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Willie DeWayne Halsey.

Services will be Tuesday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh, with Pastor Willie Collins and Pastor Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the church services at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Ramona Nedele

COLDWATER, Mich. — Ramona W. Nedele, 88, of Angola died Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, at Maple Lawn in Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Nedele was a homemaker. She was involved with Angola United Methodist Church, Angola Garden Club, Psi Iota Xi sorority Rho Chapter and Angola Women of the Moose. She was a lifelong Steuben County resident.

Mrs. Nedele

Mrs. Nedele was born in Nevada Mills on Oct. 16, 1919, to Carl and Marie (Waters) Zinn. In 1941, she married Leland Nedele, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Andrea Nedele of Jay, N.Y.; one daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Tom Berry of Angola; two brothers, Corwin Zinn of Coldwater, Mich., and Eugene Zinn of Westerville, Ohio; two grandchildren, Lisa and Michael; and two great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Timothy Nedele; and a sister, Phyllis Mahaffey.

Services will be at noon Thursday at Angola United Methodist Church with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to add the time of services.*

DeWayne Halsey

HUDSON — DeWayne Halsey, 69, of Hudson died Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Halsey had been a truck driver for Star Fleet in Middlebury.

Mr. Halsey

He was resident of the Stroh area most of his life. He enjoyed fishing.

He was born March 25, 1938, in Wolcottville to Ted and Reva (Forker) Halsey. Both preceded him in death.

He is survived by two sons, Dennis Halsey and Gary Halsey, both of Hudson; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one brother, LeRoy Halsey of Eustis, Fla.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Willie DeWayne Halsey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh, with Pastor Willie Collins and Pastor Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the church with a service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Delight Sills

LEO — Delight Sills, 98, died Saturday evening, Dec. 8, 2007, at The Cedars in Leo.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Eastern Star — Spencerville Chapter (also Fort Wayne, Orland and Ashley Chapters), Allen County Home Economics Club, and was a leader of 4-H, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts groups. She graduated from Augusta High School in Kansas in 1927 and loved quilting.

She was born on June 17, 1909, in Geneva to the late Samuel J. Tilden Weaver and Bertha Alice (Buckey) Weaver. She married Charles Edward Sills on Feb. 16, 1935, in Geneva. He preceded her in death in April 1973.

Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn Collier of Spencerville; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Robert Sills on May 15, 2007; a great-grandson, Charles Edward Sills; a brother, Merrill Weaver; and a sister, Donna Vee Snyder.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Pastor Liz Nichol officiating.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service. An Eastern Star Service will be today at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Geneva at a later date.

Memorials are to the Eastern Star, Spencerville Chapter, 6800 S.R. 1 Spencerville, IN 46788.

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Mary Jane Snook

GARRETT — Mary Jane Snook, 67, of Garrett died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, in her home.

Mrs. Snook

She worked for Essex in Auburn until its closing. She then worked for Renaissance in Auburn until her retirement in 2002.

She was a member of Garrett Presbyterian Church, Auburn Women of the Moose Lodge 261, Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1892 Auxiliary, Garrett Eagles Aerie 1357 and Elks Lodge 1016 of Effingham, Ill.

Mrs. Snook was born June 1, 1940, in St. Joe to Harry and Lula (Lutz) Shuff. Her parents preceded her in death.

On March 28, 1958, in St. Joe, she married Gerry G. Snook. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Mack Short of Auburn; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steven R. Snook, Kevin J. and Patty Snook, and Timothy J. and Christy Snook, all of Garrett; three brothers, Harold Shuff of Fontana, Calif., Chalmer Shuff of Glendale, Ariz. and James Shuff of Garrett; seven sisters, Jackie Walker, Joan Mills, Roseann Kinsey and Janice Witte, all of St. Joe, Claudia Hulbert and Faye Tarlton, both of Auburn, and Shirley Chapman of Butler; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Michael D. Snook; a daughter, Patrish D. Snook; three sisters, Linda Sattison, Kaye Ells and Kate Clady; and four brothers, Harry Shuff Jr., Robert Shuff, Maurice "Bud" Shuff and Franklin Shuff.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Eddie Clark officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

To send a condolence or sign an online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Ione Kitchen

ROME CITY — Ione A. Kitchen, 88, of Rome City died at 2:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at her residence.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Karen Premer

AUBURN — Karen L. Premer, 60, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Premer

She received her technical degree in secretarial science at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker and a Brownie leader for two years. During her high school years, she worked as a candy striper at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She married Willa Dean Sparkman in Auburn on Dec. 24, 1967. He preceded her in death on June 12, 1986. She was born Oct. 30, 1947, to Herbert and Ethel M. (Ackerman) Kandel, who both preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Brady A. and Denise Sparkman of Auburn; a daughter, Stacy R. Sparkman of Auburn; three grandchildren, Starr E. Sparkman, Brianna Miller and Zachary Miller; and a sister and brother-in-law, Linda S. and Rick San Pietro of Fort Wayne.

Service will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Starr Sparkman Education fund in care of Brady A. Sparkman.

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PAID OBITUARY

Ione Ann Kitchen

Mrs. Kitchen

ROME CITY- Ione Ann Kitchen, 88, of Rome City died Sunday, December 19, 2007, at 2:15 am at her residence with her family at her side.

Godly women are writing their history not on the pages of their own book, but in the lives of those around them whom they love and serve. Ione Kitchen spent her life unknown by the world in the narrow circle of her home within which she labored increasingly for God, her family, and others. Ione's firm spiritual foundation became a cornerstone for many. She prayed without ceasing, interceding for friends and family.

Mrs. Kitchen had lived in this area since the age of 16, coming from West Virginia. She had retired from the Rome City School after working many years in the cafeteria. She was a member of the Rehobeth Missionary Church in Albion, and enjoyed flowers and gardening.

She was born March 22, 1919, in Lewisburg, West Virginia, to Howard & Ida Marm (Dozier) Linthicum. On September 26, 1936, in LaGrange she married John Edward Robert Kitchen. He preceded her in death on November 3, 2003.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John Robert & Marcia Ann Kitchen of Rome City, Kenneth & Laura Kitchen of Matthews, Indiana, and Michael & Denise Kitchen of Crown Point, Indiana; seven daughters and six sons-in-law, Marie & Dan Donat of Mt. Vernon, Washington, Marilyn & Jack Klinefelter of Warsaw, Marceil Ritter of Loveland, Colorado, Marcia Kay & Mike Wooten of Wawaka, Maxine & Don Hunter of Acme, Michigan, Mary & Steve Beha of Albany, Ohio, and Melody & Brett Huffman of Kendallville; 31 grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; 11 step great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren; two brothers, Ed Linthicum of Auburn and Albert Bennett of Big Island, Virginia; and a sister-in-law, Elsie Linthicum of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by nine brothers, one sister, one grandchild, one great grandchild, and one son-in-law, Ron Ritter.

Funeral services will be private. Officiating will be Rev. Gerald Ringenberg and Rev. Jack Worth. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Casketbearers will be Jack Klinefelter, Jr., John Klinefelter, Mark Acres, John Anthony Kitchen, Todd Wooten, Stevie Beha, Anthony Kitchen, and Caleb Kitchen. Junior honorary casketbearers will be Josiah Beha, Bryce Kitchen, Casey Kitchen, Mikey Kitchen, and Ethan Huffman.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Mary Edwards

PARKER CITY — Mary Jo Edwards, 66, of Bear Lake and formerly of Parker City died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Edwards

Mrs. Edwards had been employed at Duffy Tool, Corfine, and self-employed with Edward's Greenhouse. She was a 1959 graduate of Muncie Central High School.

She was born July 26, 1941, in Muncie to Melvin and Mildred (Brown) Gray.

Mrs. Edwards was a member of Avondale Sympathy Club and attended church at the Church of the Stone in Wolcottville.

She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, her Bear Lake friends and her pets, Copper and Cat.

Surviving are five children, Tammy Branham and her companion, Keith Thompson, of Coldwater, Mich., Cheryl Garrett and her husband, Stan, of Allardt, Tenn., Missy Symons and her companion, Rick Lemish, of Albion, Angie McKissack and her companion, Chad Chapman, of Bear Lake, and George Edwards Jr. and his wife, Connie, of Albany, Ky.; 14 grandchildren, Bryan, Gregg, Terri Jo, Sammi Jo, Jeffrey, Brandi, Emily, Tyler Garrett, Casey, Bobbi Jo, Emma, Brittani, Brigitte and Brooke; three great-grandchildren, Alex, Kyle and Quinten; a sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and John Taylor of Muncie; and a brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Pam Gray of Muncie.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George V. Edwards; and a son, Douglas Allen Edwards.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Thornburg Memorial Chapel of Parker City. Burial will follow in Tomlinson Cemetery at Muncie.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m.

Online condolences may be made at www.wilsonshookfuneralhomes.com.

Nelson Harrod

KENDALLVILLE — Nelson W. Harrod, 82, of Kendallville died at 1:01 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, in Parkview Noble Hospital.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Tuff Hower

BRONSON, Mich. — Tuff James Eugene Hower, infant, was stillborn Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

He is survived by his parents, Jason and Tosha (Blount) Hower.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Snow Prairie Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Roberts officiating.

Arrangements are by Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson.

Mary Maybee

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mary L. Maybee, 79, of Wolcottville died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital shortly after being admitted there.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Lester Cardinal

ALBION — Lester J. Cardinal, 82, of Albion died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mr. Cardinal

Mr. Cardinal had been a member of the Albion community since 1947, coming from St. Paul, Minn.

He had been the service manager for the old Ford dealership in Albion for a short time and then in 1958 he started Cardinal Garage, which he owned and operated for 50 years.

Mr. Cardinal was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving with the Seabees from 1943-1946.

He was a 58-year member of Albion American Legion Post 246. He enjoyed going to car shows, old Fords, tending and taking care of his property and gardening.

He was born March 3, 1925, in Centerville, Minn., to Omer L. and May (Proulx) Cardinal. He married Helen Leatherman on Nov. 10, 1950, in Albion. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Pam Cardinal of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Jim Huffman of Churubusco; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Vern Cardinal of Tucson, Ariz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery with a military graveside service by Albion American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

To send online condolences or sign an online register, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Susan Sommers

AUBURN — Susan Annette Sommers, 51, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a premium insurance auditor for Chlystek & White, with headquarters in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 2, 1956, in Olean, N.Y. Her father, Marvin Warner, survives in Fort Wayne. Her mother, Marion (Linderman) Warner, also survives in Fort Wayne.

She married Todd Sommers in Las Vegas, Nev., on July 5, 1996. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Shaun and Brandi Rutter of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Sara and Aaron Brandon of Auburn; three grandchildren, Bayleigh Rutter, Timmery Rutter and Ashlynn Brandon; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Joe Warner of Auburn, Ralph and Cindy Warner of Fort Wayne and Terry and Jean Warner of Fort Wayne; and a sister and brother-in-law, Sally and Tom Holle of Hoagland.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Barbara Lindzy

Mrs. Lindzy

WARSAW — Barbara Jean (Hazelton) Lindzy, 63, of Warsaw died at 4:53 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Mrs. Lindzy worked in child care and had been employed for three years at the Lamplight Restaurant and 22 years at GTI in Leesburg.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Warsaw and the VFW and American Legion auxiliaries.

She was born Oct. 20, 1944, in Kendallville to Richard Hugh and Florence Agnes (Nott) Hazelton. She married Milo E. Lindzy on July 29, 1962, in South Milford. He survives in Warsaw.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Robin Lindzy of Claypool; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Joyce and Elois Brown of Ocala, Fla., Deb and Will Davidson of Silver Lake, Lorie and John Oliver of Pierceton and Rebecca Vanthoff of Warsaw; a brother, Cecil Hazelton of Kendallville; and a sister, Nanette Tucker of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, with Tom Everett officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery at South Milford with a graveside service at 2 p.m.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 30 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2015, Chicago, IL 60602.

Condolences may be sent online to mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

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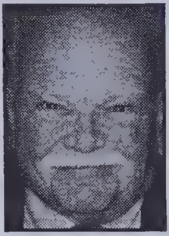
Thomas Goss

COLUMBIA CITY — Thomas L. Goss, 71, of Crooked Lake died at 5:45 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at his home.


Mr. Goss

Mr. Goss spent his formative years in the Big Lake area and he graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1954. He attended Indiana University in Bloomington for two years and then transferred to Wabash College. Mr. Goss served in the United States Army Reserves and later completed his education at Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

In 1957 he returned to Big Lake, following the death of his father, Jack, to operate Goss Grocery.

Mr. Goss was named Wolf Lake Citizen of the Year in 1985 and served as parade marshal in 1990 in the Old Settlers Day Parade.

He was an active member of the community and had served on the advisory board of Noble Township and was a former member of the Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department. His memberships included Big Lake Church of God, American Legion Post 98, Eagles Lodge 1905, Columbia City Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge of Ligonier, 50-year member of Phi Delta Theta, Columbia City Lodge 189 Free & Accepted Masons and the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne. He held memberships in many Shrine-related organizations.

He was born June 23, 1936, in Ligonier to Jack E. and Roxena B. (Wagner) Goss. He married Beverly Zumbrun on Oct. 23, 1971. She survives.

Also surviving are five children, Karen Goss, Thomas Jack and Holly Goss and Julie and Todd Wappes, all of Fort Wayne, and Angela and Daniel Campbell and Adam and Stephanie Goss, all of Columbia City; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Timothy Goss; and a brother, Mark Goss.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer, pastor of Big Lake Church of God, officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital For Children in Chicago.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Roeser

STURGIS, Mich. — Dorothy M. Roeser, 81, of Sturgis, Mich., formerly of Bronson, Mich., died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

She had worked as a prep cook at Welch's Steak and Ribs in Sturgis, and she and her husband, Earl, had owned a restaurant and catering business.

She was an energetic woman who liked to keep busy. She loved cooking, crafts, especially crocheting, and enjoyed making handmade gifts for her family and friends.

She was born Sept. 3, 1926, in Columbus Grove, Ohio, and married Earl Roeser on Sept. 26, 1945, in Angola. He died in 1993.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Janice and George Jones of Coldwater, Mich., Julie and Craig Smoker of Bronson, and Connie and Gary Goetz of Orland; a son, Bill Roeser of Sturgis; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Hecht; a brother; and a sister.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson, with the Rev. Terry Siler officiating.

Memorials to the family

Condolences may be left at www.kolcz.com.

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Fisherman found dead in area lake

BY MATT GETTS
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WOLF LAKE — Authorities are investigating the possible drowning of an Albion man whose body was recovered Tuesday evening at Big Lake in southwestern Noble County.

The body of Stephen W. Koontz, 51, was recovered at 6:11 p.m. by Indiana Conservation Officer SCUBA divers Darren Reed and Bob Duff.

Authorities are not sure how long Koontz's body had been in the water.

According to Conservation Officer public relations officer Rodney Clear, investigators have learned Koontz went fishing at 4:30 p.m. Monday afternoon.

When Koontz did not show up for work on Tuesday, co-workers became concerned, Clear said. A check of the man's house revealed his vehicle was still parked at his residence on Big Lake. Someone noticed Koontz's ice fishing gear was missing from the garage, and that person went down to the lake to check the area the man usually fished.

That person saw a large hole in the ice, and called the Noble County Sheriff's Department at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

"We don't know for sure how long he'd been in (the water)," Clear said.

The body was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne for an autopsy to determine the official cause of death, according to an Indiana Conservation Officers press release.

According to the press release, authorities believe Koontz had been ice fishing at Big Lake when thin ice apparently gave way from underneath him. He had been fishing approximately 60 yards east of the west shore of the third basin of Big Lake in approximately 21 feet of water.

According to Clear, the ice was only 1 1/2 inches thick.

Guidelines usually recommend at least 4 inches of solid ice for ice fishing, Clear said, though he cautioned that "no ice is safe." If there is 4 inches of ice in one location, he said, it may quickly dip to less thickness.

"You have to constantly check the thickness," Clear said.

The Noble Township Fire Department had to break the thin ice with

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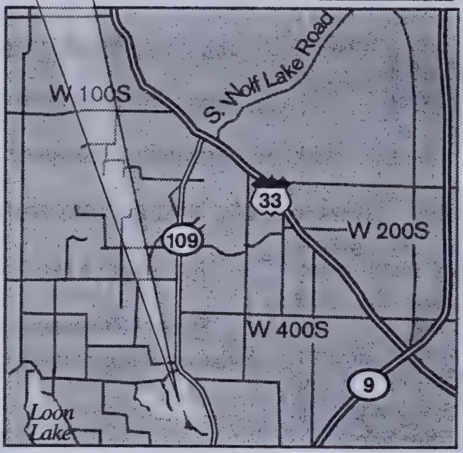
Possible drowning

Authorities are investigating a possible drowning which occurred on Big Lake.



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ICE: *All ice fishermen should wear flotation device*

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the use of its rescue boat so divers could get to the area where the victim had fallen in.

Indiana Conservation Officer Erick Bolt is investigating the death, along with the Noble County Coroner's Office.

The Noble County EMS, Noble County Sheriff's Department and Albion Fire Department also assisted at the scene.

Clear said the heavy rains which have moved through the area the last two or three days have severely deteriorated any ice covering that is on area lakes.

"The ice is definitely not safe to be on," Clear said.

He recommend to always fish with someone, or at least tell someone where you are going to fish and when you expect to return.

All ice fishermen should wear some sort of flotation device, Clear said.

Community leader Nelson Harrod, 82, dies

KENDALLVILLE — Nelson W. Harrod, 82, of Kendallville died at 1:01 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital where he had been a patient for one day.

Mr. Harrod worked with his father at The Harrod Co. in Kendallville, specializing in roofing, siding and insulation work. The business closed after 50 years of service to the community.

He had been a very active member of the community and was named Citizen of the Year in 2002. He was appointed to the Kendallville Board of Zoning Appeals by Mayor Ralph Nash in the early 1960s and continued serving in that capacity until he resigned in 1980.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 since February 1946, and had been a life member of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 since 1948.

Mr. Harrod was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville; past Master of the Mason Blue Lodge which he joined in 1946; Yorkrite in 1947; a Shrine member since 1972; a Scottish Rite member since 1981; a lifetime member of the Indiana Past Commander's Association Knights Templar; and a member of Kendallville Elks Lodge No. 1194 since 1953.

In 1958, he joined the Kendallville Rotary Club and was recently honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. In May 1992, he received the Knight of the York Cross of Honor.

Mr. Harrod

He served as president of the Little Long Lake-Round Lake Association for three years. He and his wife, Sally, have lifetime membership No. 1 at the Mid-America Windmill Museum, where Mr. Harrod served as president in 1992-1993.

He was born Jan. 17, 1925, in Menominee, Mich., to Sanford and Elizabeth (Nelson) Harrod. On June 13, 1980, he married Sally B. (Brown) Babcock in Kendallville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Byron and Sue Harrod of Williamsburg, Va.; a daughter and son-in-law, Melanie and Mike Meskel of Santa Ana, Calif.; four stepdaughters and their husbands, Linda and Robert Kunkel of Kendallville, Terri Babcock of Fort Wayne, Jean Babcock of Fort Wayne, and Diana and Brian Heil of Elkhorn, Wis.; three grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Sanford Harrod Jr.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery with military graveside services by VFW Post 2749. Pallbearers will be Adrian Nowels, Trent Hamilton, A. Stephen Pyle, Dr. Tom Jansen, Alvin Moore and Dr. Gerald Warrener. Honorary pallbearers will be Jack Frederick and Dick Zerkle.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. A candlelight Masonic Lodge service will be held at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Mid-America Windmill Museum Endowment Fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Mary Maybee

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mary L. Maybee, 79, of Wolcottville died at 5:18 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, shortly after being admitted there.

Mrs. Maybee

Mrs. Maybee moved to Dallas Lake in 1973 after residing in Fort Wayne most of her life. She was a graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne.

In 1984, she retired as a lab technician for ITT Aerospace in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Maybee was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City.

She was born May 29, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Raymond and Marie (Miller) Suelzer. She married George A. Muldary in February 1947 in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death in 1964. She then married Richard T. Maybee on Sept. 15, 1967, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on April 26, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters, Coleen Franke of Wolcottville and Maureen Muldary of Kaufman, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Melanie Muldary of Lake Tapps, Wash.; two granddaughters, Heather Swerk and Megan Muldary; two stepgrandchildren, Brent W. Franke and Brian W. Franke; a sister, Sandy Wurth of Houston, Texas; and a brother, Raymond Suelzer of Valparaiso.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Michael T. Muldary; and a brother, Don Suelzer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are Masses to the church.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Rollins

CROMWELL — Kenneth L. "Kenny" Rollins, 69, of Cromwell died at 8:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

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Richard Fritz

KENDALLVILLE — Richard “Dick” Fritz of Kendallville died at 4 a.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Richard Shoup

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Lee Shoup, 77, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, in Kendallville.

Virginia Ober

ALBION — Virginia L. Ober, 74, of Albion died at 11:47 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Clifton Eberly

HAMILTON — Clifton D. Eberly, 86, of Hamilton and formerly of Waterloo died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehab.

Mr. Eberly

Mr. Eberly was a lifetime farmer. He was a self-employed construction worker and built several homes. He also worked as a machinist at Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo for 20 years, retiring in 1975.

He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose in Angola and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born Nov. 27, 1921, in Waterloo to Theodore Ward Eberly Sr. and Dorothy Veda (Till) Eberly. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Keith D. Eberly of Auburn and Steven D. and Christine Eberly of Hamilton; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Bob Dean of Angola; a sister, Naomi Forrest of Waterloo; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Theodore Ward Eberly Jr. and Mac Eberly.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Keith Bunn

CONYERS, Ga. — Minister Keith E. Bunn, 61, of Conyers, Ga., died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007.

He was ordained to Christian ministry in 1968 and faithfully served at Tucker Christian Church for 34 years. He served Christ through missions and outreach as the Georgia Christian Ministers’ Association president, the Georgia Christian Missionary rally chairman, on the National Missionary Convention Executive Committee and as trustee for Bethshean Mexico Mission and Christian City. He was awarded “God’s Honored Servant 2007” by the Georgia Christian Convention.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Dianne Bunn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rebekah and Derrell Roberts of Conyers and Jennifer and Jon Day of Carrollton, Ga.; a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Lori Bunn of Suwanee, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Janice Bunn of Suwanee, Ga.; a sister and brother-in-law, Velma and Raymond Souder of Avilla; his grandchildren, Emily and Christopher Day, Brendan Bunn and Michele Jervey and her husband, Russell; his great grandchildren, Cooper Jervey and Hudson and Blake Jervey; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Tucker Christian Church with Minister Jon Day officiating. Burial will follow at Floral Hills Memory Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to “Keith’s Favorite Missions” at Tucker Christian Church, P.O. Box 687, Tucker, GA 30085, in memory of Minister Keith Bunn.

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Norma Bitner, 80

LIGONIER – Longtime educator Norma M. Bitner, 80, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007 at her residence.

Mrs. Bitner retired in 1995 from West Noble High School as an English teacher after 20 years of service.

She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church.

A native of Syracuse, Mrs. Bitner grew up in New York and graduated from Peekskill High School in Peekskill, N.Y. She moved back to Indiana in the 1940s and graduated in 1974 with honors from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bitner enjoyed all types of group dancing and when she was young she raised many Arabian horses.

She was born on April 3, 1927 in Syracuse to Harvey S. and Ruth (Lung) Cole.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Dan Reynolds of Ligonier; two grandsons and their wives, Ryan and Kelley Reynolds of Columbia City and Nathan and Erica Reynolds of Ligonier.

She was preceded by her parents, Harvey Cole and Ruth Weaver; a daughter, Kathy Bitner; and a son Wendell Bitner.

Services were held December 9, 2007 at Owen Family Funeral Home, Syracuse. The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Reynolds officiated. Burial took place at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, P.O. Box 471, Kendallville, IN 46755.

To send condolences to the family, visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Baisden, 68

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Leola Baisden, 68, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007 at her residence.

Mrs. Baisden was born in Warriormine, W.Va., on Aug. 13, 1939, to Frazier Thomas and Annie Leola (Davis) Brown. She married Cecil Baisden on March 13, 1965 in Cleveland, Ohio. He preceded her in death on July 26, 1990.

Surviving are three daughters, Patty Boyd and Brenda Gibson, both of Kendallville, and Martha Morgan of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil and Michele Baisden of Kendallville and Roger and Dawn Baisden of Avilla; a brother, Frazier Brown Jr. of Tampa, Fla.; 15 grandchildren, Joey Boyd, Casaundra Huerta, Amber Hake, Zachery Walsh, Charles Morgan, Alexis Baisden, Allison Baisden, Tabitha Bowers, Ryan Osborne, Kayla Baisden, Raven Baisden, Brittany Baisden, Kursten Baisden, Jessica Moreno and Katie Moreno; and three great-grandchildren, Bernade Moreno VI, Sebastien Huerta and baby Huerta.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Frank and Roger Brown; and five sisters, Sue Cooper, Thelma Jo Stevens, Lorraine Singel, Kathrine Mills and Louise Barnes.

Graveside funeral services were December 10, 2007 at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Pastor Brent Wedding officiated.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Debra Gray, 43

SOUTH WHITLEY — Debra Bell Gray, 43, of South Whitley died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Gray was a homemaker.

She had attended East Noble High School in Kendallville.

She was born June 24, 1964 in Fort Wayne to Richard Dean and Sharon (Gause) Languell. She married Danny Joe Gray on Oct. 21, 1989 at Hope Lutheran Church in Columbia City. He survives in South Whitley.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Sharon K. and David Kienzler of Columbia City; her mother-in-law, Lillian A. Ness of Columbia City; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Twila and Mike Barnes of New Haven, Penny and Jay Woebbeking of St. Joe, and Lisa Languell of Columbia City; a stepsister, Linda McCoy of Churubusco; a stepbrother, Mark Kienzler, who is serving in the U.S. Army; a brother-in-law and his wife, Kevin and Tanya Gray of Columbia City; five nieces, Melissa and Tim Moss of Churubusco, Tiffany Yagel and Kaylin Yagel, both of Columbia City, Haley Terry of Kendallville, and Hollie Barnes of New Haven; and her foster parents, Allen and Karen Engle of Merriam.

She was preceded in death by her father; her father-in-law, Donald Ness; a niece, Jenny Brumbaugh; and her grandparents.

Services were held December 6, 2007 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. The Rev. Judy Follis officiated. Burial took place in Hope Lutheran Cemetery near Columbia City.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoneygrimes.com.

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Louise Robinson, 70

WOLCOTTVILLE — Louise Robinson, 70, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at 3:10 a.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange where she had been a patient since Saturday. She had been in failing health for four years.

Mrs. Robinson had retired from Essex in Topeka.

She had lived in the area for 50 years.

She was born Oct. 11, 1937, in Tribbey, Ky., to Robert and Geneva (Allen) Miller. In 1954, she married Buck Robinson in Hindman, Ky. He died March 21, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Kathy Robinson of Wolcottville; two grandsons, Robert Wayne Robinson and David Lee Robinson; two sisters, Clara Robinson of Kimmell and Rachel Brewer of LaGrange; and three brothers, Arnold Miller of Topeka, Michael Miller of Sturgis, Mich., and Johnny Miller of Wapakoneta, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Services were held December 8, 2007 at the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiated. Burial took place at Woodruff Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Rex Alan Wysong, 56

PANAMA CITY – Rex Alan Wysong, 56, of Panama City, Florida, passed away on Monday, November 12, 2007 from complications of his battle with cancer. He was born on March 25, 1951 in Kendallville, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alvin Wysong and grandson Zachary Chiddister.

He is survived by his daughters, Tonia (Scott) Chiddister and Terri Arick, both of Indiana, mother, Maxine Wilson (Florida), step children, Lynn Morgan, Cindy (Morgan) McDowell, Jason Morgan, sister, Dawn (Keith) Edwards three brothers, Wayne Wysong, Jerry Wysong, Jack Wysong and 11 grandchildren.

Memorialization will be by cremation.

Lester J. Cardinal, 82

ALBION - Lester J. Cardinal, 82, of Albion, died Monday, December 10, 2007 at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

He was born March 3, 1925 in Centerville, Minnesota to Omer L. and May (Proulx) Cardinal. They both preceed him in death. He has been a member of the Albion community since 1947, coming from south St. Paul Minnesota. On November 10, 1950, in Albion, he married Helen Leatherman. She survives in Albion.

He was service manager for the old Ford Dealership in Albion for a short time and then in 1958 he started Cardinal Garage and was the owner and operator there for 50 years. He was also a Veteran of the United States Navy, serving with the seabees from 1943-1946. He was a 58 year member of the Albion American Legion Post 246, and enjoyed going to car shows, old Fords, tending and taking care of his property and gardening.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Pam Cardinal of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Jim Huffman of Churubusco; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren; and one brother Vern Cardinal of Tucson, Arizona.

Funeral services for Mr. Cardinal will be Thursday at 11:00 AM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Calling will take place from 2-4 and 6-8 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. A military graveside service will be conducted by the Albion American Legion Post at Rose Hill Cemetery following the funeral.

Please make your memorial donations to the organization of your choice.

To send online condolences or sign an online register please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Mary Jane Snook, 67

GARRETT — Mary Jane Snook, 67, of Garrett died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, in her home.

She worked for Essex in Auburn until its closing. She then worked for Renaissance in Auburn until her retirement in 2002.

She was a member of Garrett Presbyterian Church, Auburn Women of the Moose Lodge 261, Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1892 Auxiliary, Garrett Eagles Aerie 1357 and Elks Lodge 1016 of Effingham, Ill.

Mrs. Snook was born June 1, 1940, in St. Joe to Harry and Lula (Lutz) Shuff. Her parents preceded her in death.

On March 28, 1958, in St. Joe, she married Gerry G. Snook. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Mack Short of Auburn; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steven R. Snook, Kevin J. and Patty Snook, and Timothy J. and Christy Snook, all of Garrett; three brothers, Harold Shuff of Fontana, Calif., Chalmer Shuff of Glendale, Ariz. and James Shuff of Garrett; seven sisters, Jackie Walker, Joan Mills, Roseann Kinsey and Janice Witte, all of St. Joe, Claudia Hulbert and Faye Tarlton, both of Auburn, and Shirley Chapman of Butler; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Michael D. Snook; a daughter, Patrish D. Snook; three sisters, Linda Sattison, Kaye Ells and Kate Clady; and four brothers, Harry Shuff Jr., Robert Shuff, Maurice "Bud" Shuff and Franklin Shuff.

Services were held December 12, 2007 at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. The Pastor Eddie Clark officiated. Burial took place at Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

To send a condolence or sign an online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Paul A. Whan, 67

KENDALLVILLE – Paul A. Whan, age 67, of Kendallville, passed away on Friday, December 7, 2007 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Whan was born in Swan Township, Avilla, Indiana on January 7, 1940 to Kermit G. Whan and Lileth A. (Weaver) Whan.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1958, attended Toledo Barber College and married Joyce A. Wilson on October 7, 1961 in Kendallville at Trinity Church United Methodist.

He owned the Paul A. Whan Nationwide Insurance Agency in Kendallville.

Paul was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville Lodge #276 Free & Accepted Masons, the Mizpah Shrine and Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne, American Legion Post #86, Kendallville Chamber of Commerce, and Ducks Unlimited.

Paul was very actively involved at the Noble Hawk Golf Links. The people at Noble Hawk were like family to Paul and he spent alot of time helping out around clubhouse and cooking out on the grill for special events.

Paul was an avid sportsman and outdoorsman. He was at his best when he was outside, close to Mother Nature. His hobbies and interests were hunting, fishing, golfing, gardening and his special little beagle friend, Max. In the past, he coached Little League Baseball and belonged to the Kendallville Jaycees.

He was a heart transplant recipient in October 2003.

Survivors include: his wife of 46 years, Joyce Whan of Kendallville; mother, Lileth Whan of Avilla; two daughters, Terri and Jeff Keck of Phoenix, Arizona, and Tracy Lehman of Fort Wayne, a son, Todd and Susannah Whan of Lexington, Kentucky; six grandchildren: Kevinn Keck of Flagstaff, Arizona, Jeremy Keck of Phoenix, Cliff Hannon of Fort Wayne, Callie Lehman of Fort Wayne, Emma and Nicklaus Whan both of Lexington; and a brother, Dick and Clara Whan of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by father, Kermit, and sister, Janis Groll.

Funeral Services were at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Scott Pattison.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Lutheran Heart Transplant Assistance Fund.

Active casketbearers were Cliff Hannon, Jeremy Keck, Nick Whan, Tom Shellenbarger, Scott Gray, Tim Dyskstra, and John Dodson.

Honorary bearers were Dave Grubb, Pete Rogers, Kelly Whitehead, Sandy Arnold, Rhonda Fortress, and Brittany Schnellbach.

View a video tribute (after Sunday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Thomas L. Goss 71

COLUMBIA CITY: THOMAS L. GOSS, 71, of Crooked Lake, died at 5:45 a.m. Monday, December 10, 2007 at his home of natural causes.

He was born June 23, 1936 in Ligonier, Indiana a son of Jack E, and Roxena B. (Wagner) Goss. His formative years were spent in the Big Lake area. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1954. He attended Indiana University in Bloomington for two years and then transferred to Wabash College.

In 1957 he returned to Big Lake, following the death of his father, to operate Goss Grocery.

He served in the United States Army Reserves and later completed his education at Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne.

On October 23, 1971 he was united in marriage to Beverly S. Zumbrun. They have always made their home at Crooked Lake.

His memberships include Big Lake Church of God, American Legion Post #98, Eagles Lodge #1905, Columbia City Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge of Ligonier, Wolf Lake Citizen of the Year in 1985, Old Settlers Day Parade Marshall in 1990, 50 year member of Phi Delta Theta, Advisory Board Member for Noble Township Trustee and was a former member of Noble Township, Noble County Volunteer Fire Department. His memberships also include Columbia City Lodge #189 Free & Accepted Masons, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne where he received the Meritorius Service Award, York Rite of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine where he served as Potentate in 1990, Mizpah Horse Patrol, Mizpah Antique Car Club, Director for Mizpah Directors Staff, Whitley County Shrine Club, Whitley County Antique Tractor Club, Kosciusko County Shrine Club, Blackford County Shrine Club, Noble County Shrine Club, Steuben County Shrine Club, Wabash County Shrine Club, Imperial Marshall Aid for Imperial Shrine of North America for over 15 years, Royal Order of Jesters Director in 2000, Great Lakes Shrine Association President in 2004, Shriners Hospital Board of Governors and Emeritus Member of Shriners Hospital in Chicago, Demolay, Columbia City Order of the Eastern Star #65 and Hillbilly Clan #195.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Beverly; five children, Karen Goss, Thomas Jack (Holly) Goss and Julie (Todd) Wappes, all of Fort Wayne, Angela (Daniel) Campbell and Adam (Stephanie) Goss, both of Columbia City; and eleven grandchildren.

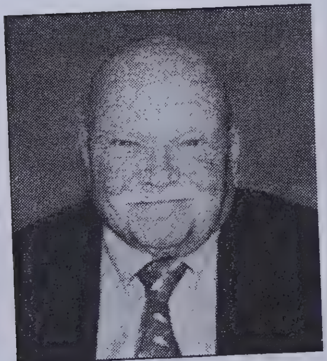
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Goss and a brother, Mark Goss.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 14, 2007 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. Tim Kumfer, pastor of Big Lake Church of God, officiating. The burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

The Columbia City Lodge #189 F. & A.M. will conduct a Masonic service following the visitation Thursday evening.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital For Children in Chicago.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.



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PAID OBITUARY

Ione Ann Kitchen

Mrs. Kitchen

ROME CITY- Ione Ann Kitchen, 88, of Rome City died Sunday, December 9, 2007, at 2:15 am at her residence with her family at her side.

Godly women are writing their history not on the pages of their own book, but in the lives of those around them whom they love and serve. Ione Kitchen spent her life unknown by the world in the narrow circle of her home within which she labored increasingly for God, her family, and others. Ione's firm spiritual foundation became a cornerstone for many. She prayed without ceasing, interceding for friends and family.

Mrs. Kitchen had lived in this area since the age of 16, coming from West Virginia. She had retired from the Rome City School after working many years in the cafeteria. She was a member of the Rehobeth Missionary Church in Albion, and enjoyed flowers and gardening.

She was born March 22, 1919, in Lewisburg, West Virginia, to Howard & Ida Marm (Dozier) Linthicum. On September 26, 1936, in LaGrange she married John Edward Robert Kitchen. He preceded her in death on November 3, 2003.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John Robert & Marcia Ann Kitchen of Rome City, Kenneth & Laura Kitchen of Matthews, Indiana, and Michael & Denise Kitchen of Crown Point, Indiana; seven daughters and six sons-in-law, Marie & Dan Donat of Mt. Vernon, Washington, Marilyn & Jack Klinefelter of Warsaw, Marceil Ritter of Loveland, Colorado, Marcia Kay & Mike Wooten of Wawaka, Maxine & Don Hunter of Acme, Michigan, Mary & Steve Beha of Albany, Ohio, and Melody & Brett Huffman of Kendallville; 31 grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; 11 step great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren; two brothers, Ed Linthicum of Auburn and Albert Bennett of Big Island, Virginia; and a sister-in-law, Elsie Linthicum of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by nine brothers, one sister, one grandchild, one great grandchild, and one son-in-law, Ron Ritter.

Funeral services will be private. Officiating will be Rev. Gerald Ringenberg and Rev. Jack Worth. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Casketbearers will be Jack Klinefelter, Jr., John Klinefelter, Mark Acres, John Anthony Kitchen, Todd Wooten, Stevie Beha, Anthony Kitchen, and Caleb Kitchen. Junior honorary casketbearers will be Josiah Beha, Bryce Kitchen, Casey Kitchen, Mikey Kitchen, and Ethan Huffman.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Kenneth Rollins

LIGONIER — Kenneth L. "Kenny" Rollins, 70, of Cromwell died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at 8:10 p.m. at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mr. Rollins was a lifetime area resident He was a self-employed construction worker. He had also worked as a mechanic with Monsanto in Ligonier and set burial vaults with Charlie Michaels.

He was raised in the Methodist Church and was a member of VFW Wolf Lake Post 4717 and the American Legion Ligonier Post 243.

Mr. Rollins was a graduate of Cromwell High School.

He loved golf, bowling, fishing, NASCAR, IU basketball, the Chicago Cubs and was known as a people person.

He served his country in the U.S. Air Force.

He was born on July 9, 1937, in Huntertown to Ernest and Adah (Reed) Rollins.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Herman and Gail Rollins of Goshen and Eugene and Beverly Rollins of Syracuse; a sister, Irene Fisher of Cromwell; and a daughter, Tammy, of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James Rollins and Clyde Rollins; and two sisters, Alma Rollins and Juanita Felts.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Knepper's Reception Hall, 6511 W. Cromwell Road, Kimmell, with Pastor Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with military rites.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Knepper's Reception Hall.

Memorials are to VFW Wolf Lake Post 4717 or the American Legion Ligonier Post 243.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Perry Schrock

TOPEKA — Perry L. Schrock, 57, of Topeka died unexpectedly at 1:16 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at his doctor's office.

Mr. Schrock was a farmer.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Dec. 14, 1949, in LaGrange to Levi J. and Mary (Bontrager) Schrock. He married Wilma Raber on Nov. 13, 1969, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters, Mary and Marvin Schrock of LaGrange, Mattie Schrock of Topeka, Verna and Eldon Hochstetler of LaGrange, Lorene and Davie Miller of Topeka, Loretta and Marlin Miller of Topeka, Ella and Harley Bontrager of LaGrange and LeAnna Schrock of Topeka; three sons, Levi and Ruby Schrock of LaGrange, Samuel and LorEtta Schrock of Topeka and Dennis Schrock and his special friend, Mary Anna Bontrager, of LaGrange; 31 grandchildren; his mother, Mary Schrock of Shipshewana; his mother-in-law, Mattie Raber of Topeka; four sisters, Lydia and Edwin Kuhns of Nappanee, Mattie and Ura Miller of LaGrange, Wilma Beechy of LaGrange and Ella and David Bontrager of Greenwood, Wis.; and six brothers, Willie and Millie Schrock of LaGrange, Ora and Mary Schrock of LaGrange, Samuel and Martha Schrock of LaGrange, Alvin and Katie Schrock of Middlebury, Jacob and Ramah Schrock of Topeka and Elmer and Wilma Schrock of Shipshewana.

He was preceded in death by his father; a grandson; his father-in-law, Jacob Raber; and a brother-in-law, John Beechy.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Cletus Lambright residence at Topeka with Bishop Ervin Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Richard Shoup

KENDALLVILLE — Richard L. "Dick" Shoup, 77, of Kendallville died at 12:35 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mr. Shoup had been ill for three weeks.

Mr. Shoup

Mr. Shoup had worked for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville and retired in 1993 from Hoosier Wire after 16 years as a quality control supervisor.

He served as a master sergeant in the National Guard.

Mr. Shoup was a member of the Titanic Historical Society.

He was born July 14, 1930, in Kendallville to Harry and Deloise (Martin) Shoup. His father died April 21, 1974, and his mother died Feb. 20, 1989.

Surviving are cousins, Connie and Bill Cunningham of Pretty Lake and Mike Elliott of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jim Reick, Russ Burden, Steve Trowbridge and Mike Young.

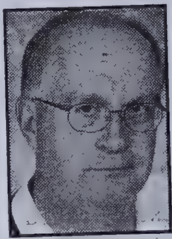
Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Ned Wicker

ROCKVILLE — Ned Allen Wicker, 54, of Rockville died at 4:03 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at Union Hospital in Terre Haute.


Mr. Wicker

Mr. Wicker was a graduate of Greenfield Central High School, Purdue University, and Indiana Wesleyan University. He served as an educator for 31 years, teaching high school science and biology, and continued his career as an assistant principal and athletic director at Morgan Township Middle High School in Valparaiso.

He coached basketball for 28 years throughout Indiana at Selician Prep School and at high schools including Tell City, Clay City, Triton in Bourbon, Pike Central, Eastside in Butler, Yorktown, Jay County, Cathedral in Indianapolis, Rockville and Seeger.

He was a member of Indiana Association of School Principals, Indiana Athletic Directors Association and Indiana Coaches Association. He was S.A.D.D. sponsor while at Rockville High School and served in Kiwanis Club International. He was an active member and former elder of Rockville Christian Church.

He was born June 28, 1953, in Greenfield to Herbert A. and Esther L. Wicker (Hine). They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Margaret Stearley on Aug. 30, 1980, and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and two sons-in-law, Marci and Matt Stephenson of Columbus, Ind., Kristi and Brian Lickert of Palm Bay, Fla., Ashli Wicker, Alleni Wicker and Jayci Wicker of Rockville; two grandchildren, Paytynn Lickert and Blake Stephenson; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Louis Milli of Morristown; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Rockville Christian Church.

Calling will be Friday from 3-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Ned Wicker Memorial Scholarship Fund at First Financial Bank, P.O. Box 188 Rockville, IN 47872.

Gooch Funeral Home on Rockville is handling arrangements. To sign an online guest register, visit www.goochfuneralhome.com.

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Richard Fritz

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Charles Fritz, 85, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fritz

He was employed with Newnam Foundry since age 15 and retired in 1984. He served in various capacities throughout his 47-year career, including as company vice president.

Mr. Fritz entered the United States Navy and served his country at Iwo Jima from 1944-46. He was on Iwo Jima when the American flag was raised on the island.

He was a life member of American Legion Post 86, life member of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749, Elks Lodge 1194, and First Christian Church, all in Kendallville.

Mr. Fritz was born in Kendallville on May 14, 1922, to Albert H. and Cleo Bell (Nelson) Fritz. He married Betty Louise Cook on Aug. 23, 1941, at the United Methodist Church in Wolcottville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and David Weimer and Pamela Jo and Gary Grogg, all of Auburn; seven grandchildren and their spouses: Amy and Morgan Metcalf of Inverness, Fla., Cory Grogg of Indianapolis, Sommer Buckmaster of Auburn, Josh Grogg of Auburn, Heather and Robert Gaff of Hamilton, Chad and Tiffany Weimer of Auburn and Derrick and Kim Weimer of Auburn; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents; brother, Ervin Fritz; and sister, Maxine Rawson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier and Pastor Robert Farmer officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with military rites by the VFW Post 2749 Honor Guard. Pallbearers will be Robert Gaff, and his grandsons, Cory Grogg, Josh Grogg, Chad Weimer and Derrick Weimer.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with an Elks Lodge service at 5:45 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Philip Studer

ANGOLA — A gathering celebrating the life of Philip J. Studer will be held Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the Montpelier Eagles Lodge in Montpelier, Ohio.

Mr. Studer died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio.

Krill Funeral Service of Bryan, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

Donald Fike Sr.

AUBURN — Donald R. Fike Sr., 79, of Auburn died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Kendallville, he worked for the New York Central Railroad for 16 years. He retired from the DeKalb County Highway Department in 1991 and served as Corunna town marshal. He loved spending time with his family.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor, of Auburn; four daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and David Albright of Corunna, Diane and David Wofford of Ashley, Sharlene and Les Warstler of Waterloo and Amy and Kevin Grate of Corunna; five sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Linda Fike of Garrett, Ronald and Kathy Fike of Waterloo, Donald Fike Jr. and Brenda Fike of Kendallville, Robert and Gidget Fike of Auburn and Jason and April Fike of LaGrange; a sister, Donna Belle Wagers of Auburn; 24 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

A private family service is planned. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural DeKalb County.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Corunna Church of Christ.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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Leo Woods

PIERCETON — Leo R. Woods, 90, of Ridinger Lake died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at 8:42 p.m. in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, where he was transported after collapsing at home.

Mr. Woods graduated from Ashley High School and from Tri-State College in Angola with a degree in chemical engineering. He was employed at Citizens Transportations in Riverside, Calif., for 38 years as a diesel mechanic. He was a member of Brockton United Methodist Church in Riverside, Calif.

He was born Nov. 17, 1917, in Butler to Jasper and Bertha (Boyd) Woods.

He married Phyllis A. Markley on Dec. 16, 1975. They moved to South Whitley in 1980 and to their home at Ridinger Lake in 1995. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Rebecca A. Woods of Columbia City; three stepchildren, Laura Fetro of Pierceton, Mark Fetro and his wife, Pam, of Fort Wayne and Greg Fetro and his wife, Betty, of South Whitley; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Terry Lee Woods; a grandson; a brother, Paul Willard Woods; and a sister, Reba Geist Eiler.

There will be no public service or calling. Private burial will be at a later date in South Whitley Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home of Columbia City is handling arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Velma Farrington

AUBURN — Velma L. Farrington, 95, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Friday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Vera Meagher

FREMONT — Vera J. Meagher of Fremont died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born May 30, 1937, in Fremont.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Virginia Ober

ALBION — Virginia Lee Ober, 74, of Albion died at 11:47 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ober was a lifetime Albion resident and a 1951 graduate of Albion High School.

She was a homemaker and assisted on the family farm. She will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

Mrs. Ober enjoyed family, gardening, flowers and reading.

She was born July 27, 1933, in Albion to Dennis and Velma (Webber) Scheurich. She married Robert Ober on Dec. 11, 1954, at the E.U.B. Church in Albion. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Melinda and Jack Conrad of Albion; two grandchildren, Melissa Smith of Fort Wayne and Lance Conrad of Albion; a brother, Don Scheurich of Kendallville; brothers-in-law, Jerry and Margaret Ober of Kendallville, Lee and Roberta Ober of Albion, and Larry and Judy Ober of Albion; and a sister-in-law, Kathy and John Whittkamper of Knightstown.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lisa Ann Ober; a grandson, Chad Conrad; her parents; and a brother, Bobby Scheurich.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating. Burial will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Pallbearers will be John Whittkamper, Lance Conrad, Jack Conrad, and Mark, Mike and Larry Ober.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

To send online condolences or sign a register, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Kenneth Rollins

LIGONIER — Kenneth L. "Kenny" Rollins, 70, of Cromwell died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, at 8:10 p.m. at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

He was born on July 9, 1937, in Huntertown to Ernest and Adah (Reed) Rollins.

Mr. Rollins was lifetime area resident, Mr. Rollins was self-employed construction worker. He had also worked as a mechanic with Monsanto in Ligonier and set burial vaults with Charlie Michaels.

He was raised in the Methodist Church and was a member of the VFW Post 4717 Wolf Lake and American Legion of Ligonier Post 243.

Mr. Rollins was a graduate of Cromwell High School.

He loved golf, bowling, fishing, NASCAR, IU basketball, the Chicago Cubs and was known as a people person.

He served his country in the U.S. Air Force.

He was born on July 9, 1937, in Huntertown to Ernest and Adah (Reed) Rollins.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Herman and Gail Rollins of Goshen and Eugene and Beverly Rollins of Syracuse; a sister, Irene Fisher of Cromwell; and a daughter, Tammy, of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James Rollins and Clyde Rollins; and two sisters, Alma Rollins and Juanita Felts.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Knepper's Reception Hall, 6511 W. Cromwell Road, Kimmell, with Pastor Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with military rites.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Knepper's Reception Hall.

Memorials are to VFW Wolf Lake Post 4717 or the American Legion Post 243 of Ligonier.

Norma Bitner

LIGONIER — Longtime educator Norma M. Bitner, 80, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Bitner

Mrs. Bitner retired in 1995 from West Noble High School as an English teacher after 20 years of service.

She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church.

A native of Syracuse, Mrs. Bitner grew up in New York and graduated from Peekskill High School in Peekskill, N.Y. She moved back to Indiana in the 1940s and graduated in 1974 with honors from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bitner enjoyed all types of group dancing and when she was young she raised many Arabian horses.

She was born on April 3, 1927, in Syracuse to Harvey S. and Ruth (Lung) Cole.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Dan Reynolds of Ligonier; and two grandsons and their wives, Ryan and Kelley Reynolds of Columbia City and Nathan and Erica Reynolds of Ligonier.

She was preceded by her parents, Harvey Cole and Ruth Weaver; a daughter, Kathy Bitner; and a son, Wendell Bitner.

Services were held Sunday at Owen Family Funeral Home, Syracuse, with the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Reynolds officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, P.O. Box 471, Kendallville, IN 46755.

To send condolences to the family, visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
December 13, 2007, Thursday

Thomas Goss

COLUMBIA CITY — Thomas L. Goss, 71, of Crooked Lake died at 5:45 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Goss

Mr. Goss spent his formative years in the Big Lake area and he graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1954. He attended Indiana University in Bloomington for two years and then transferred to Wabash College. Mr. Goss served in the United States Army Reserves and later completed his education at Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

In 1957 he returned to Big Lake, following the death of his father, Jack, to operate Goss Grocery.

Mr. Goss was named Wolf Lake Citizen of the Year in 1985 and served as parade marshal in 1990 in the Old Settlers Day Parade.

He was an active member of the community and had served on the advisory board of Noble Township and was a former member of the Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department. His memberships included Big Lake Church of God, American Legion Post 98, Eagles Lodge 1905, Columbia City Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge of Ligonier, 50-year member of Phi Delta Theta, Columbia City Lodge 189 Free & Accepted Masons and the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne. He held memberships in many Shrine-related organizations.

He was born June 23, 1936, in Ligonier to Jack E. and Roxena B. (Wagner) Goss. He married Beverly Zumbrun on Oct. 23, 1971. She survives.

Also surviving are five children, Karen Goss, Thomas Jack and Holly Goss and Julie and Todd Wappes, all of Fort Wayne, and Angela and Daniel Campbell and Adam and Stephanie Goss, all of Columbia City; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Timothy Goss; and a brother, Mark Goss.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer, pastor of Big Lake Church of God, officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital For Children in Chicago.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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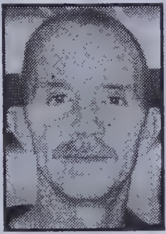
Calvin Shrock

GOSHEN — Calvin R. Shrock, 51, of Goshen died at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at his home.


Shrock

Mr. Shrock had lived in the area most of his life.

He had been employed at K-Z Sportsman in Shipshewana and had worked in the concrete business for 20 years.

Mr. Shrock enjoyed spending time with his family. His hobbies included old model cars and airplanes. The P51 Mustang was one of his favorite topics.

He was a member of Maple Grove Church at Topeka.

He was born Oct. 29, 1956, in LaGrange County to Ralph and Anna (Eash) Shrock. They survive in LaGrange.

He married Betty Schmucker on Feb. 27, 1988, in Topeka. She survives in Goshen.

Also surviving are three daughters, Stephanie Shrock of Indianapolis, Rebecca Shrock of Indianapolis and Angela Shrock of Goshen; five sisters, Marietta and Harley Lambright of Leroy, Mich., Helen and Steve Shaw of Union City, Mich., Katie Shrock of LaGrange, Naomi and David Yoder of Mio, Mich., and Sarah and Ray Miller of Shipshewana; and six brothers, Elroy and Bonnie Shrock of Mesquite, Texas, Nelson and Sara Shrock of Berrien Springs, Mich., Elmer and Christine Shrock of Fort Wayne, Dennis and Esther Shrock of Salem, Mo., Kenneth and Ruby Shrock of LaGrange and Sherman and Ruth Shrock of Hillsboro, Wis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Maple Grove Church in Topeka with the Rev. Ed Villalba presiding. Calling will be one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Topeka. Pallbearers will be his brothers.

Additional calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury and 1-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or St. Jude's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Anne (Kagey) Reas

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — Melissa Anne (Kagey) Reas, 57, of Reynoldsburg died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Mount Carmel West Hospital in Columbus.

She was employed as a registered nurse with the American Red Cross. She was a member of Rosehill Church of Christ in Reynoldsburg. She did missionary work in India and taught at a Christian school in Puerto Rico.

She was born Feb. 22, 1950, in Garrett to Harold J. and Alice V. (Hart) Kagey.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Lisa Reas; a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and James Logan; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Richard Kagey; and a sister, Martha J. Beard.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Coburn Corners Church of Christ in rural St. Joe. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery of St. Joe.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Velma Farrington

AUBURN — Velma L. Farrington, 95, of Auburn died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Farrington

She was a homemaker and a very active member of New Hope Christian Center.

She was born Aug. 27, 1912, in Salem Township in Steuben County to Marlton D. and Daisy D. (Tritch) Shumaker. They preceded her in death.

She married Hugh K. Farrington on Sept. 20, 1944, in the Presbyterian manse in Auburn. He died Sept. 28, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Tom Thompson of Waterloo; four grandchildren, Debra Squier, Jason David, Suzanne Fritz and Ryan David; two stepgrandchildren, Tammy Swank and Ryan David; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Heber Shumaker of Angola; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jean and Paul Reinoehl of Ashley and Beverly Blood of Warsaw.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Friday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

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Sharon Hillyard

FORT WAYNE — Sharon Y. Hillyard, 72, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born Nov. 20, 1935, in Huntington, she was a member of Delta Theta Sorority.

Surviving are her husband of 50 years, Darrell "Bud" Hillyard; a daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Trent Tallman of Huntington; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kurt "Joe" and Becky Hillyard of Fort Wayne and Matthew and Laura Hillyard of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Chris Tallman and his wife, Lisa, Scott Tallman, Amanda Tallman, Josh, Peggy and Katie Hillyard and Zachary and Isaac Hillyard; and two great-grandchildren, Beth and Lucas Tallman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Georgia Young, and a brother, Frederick Young.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Vera Meagher

FREMONT — Vera Jane Meagher, 70, of Fremont, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Meagher

Mrs. Meagher was had been cafeteria manager of Fremont Community Schools before retiring.

She was a member of the Fremont American Legion Auxiliary and the Fremont Moose Lodge. She enjoyed her grandchildren, traveling, baking and cooking.

She was born May 30, 1937, in Fremont to Bernard Newbauer and Willa (Northam) Durnell. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Fremont. She married James P. Meagher on June 27, 1984, in Fremont. He also survives in Fremont.

She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David and Pam Smith of Selbyville, Del.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lori and Dennis DeMille of Oceanside, Calif., and Lisa and Tom Skeer of Fredericksburg, Va.; two stepsons and a spouse, Tony and Darcy Meagher of Minnesota, and Todd Meagher of Montana; a stepdaughter, Lori Ann Clark of Wisconsin; 13 grandchildren, Diana Kay, Edward and Maria Smith, Emily, Katie and Riley DeMille, Allison, Cara and Thomas Skeer, Hailey and Abby Meagher, and Jordan and Jacob Clark; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joann and Larry Penner, and Mary and Jack Burrell, all of Fremont; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Jerome and Faye Newbauer of Pleasant Lake and John Stienbarger of Fremont.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Diana Kay Smith on May 10, 1969; a sister, Judy Hostetler; and three granddaughters, Manda, Bailey and Dylan.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Sam Hoffman officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children's Leukemia Foundation or the Diana Kay Smith Scholarship fund, in care of the Steuben County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Ralph Stiffner

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph Stiffner, 88, of Kendallville died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Helen Gayhart

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Gayhart, 75, of Howe died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville

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Ned Pipher

ELKHART — Ned E. Pipher, 92, of Elkhart died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at 2:10 a.m. at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Pipher was employed as a purchasing agent at Elkhart Brass Manufacturing, where he retired in 1977. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, the Thursday Morning Men's Group (at the church) and AARP. He was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening and cooking.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1915, in Elkhart to Earl and Ruth (Counter) Pipher, who are both deceased.

He married Ruth L. Newcomer on June 5, 1937, in Elkhart. She died on Oct. 11, 1987.

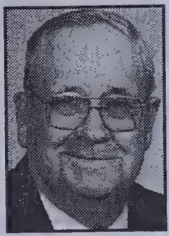
Survivors include a son, Richard E. Pipher of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Nedra and William Trahant of Arlington, Va.; two grandsons, Timothy Trahant of Richmond, Va., and Christopher Trahant of Arlington, Va.; and a brother and sister-in-law, John and Joann Pipher of LaGrange.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Richard A. Kallenberg and Frank McKee officiating. Burial will be at Rice Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home, 700 E. Jackson Blvd., Elkhart, and one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the John Cawley Gold Scholarship Memorial Fund at St. John's Episcopal Church, 226 W. Lexington Ave., Elkhart, IN 46516.

Ralph Stiffner


Mr. Stiffner

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph Wilson Stiffner, 89, of Kendallville died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Stiffner was a lifetime Orange Township farmer. He also drove a school bus for Rome City Schools.

He joined the United States Army and served his country until 1943. He married Martha Lucille Stillinger on March 4, 1944, at Wawaka United Methodist Church. She survives in Kendallville. In 1960 he was honored as a 60-year member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion.

He was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church in Brimfield. He liked to tend to his garden and take care of his yard. He also enjoyed reading, especially keeping up to date on current events and politics.

Hew was born near Wawaka on Dec. 1, 1918, to Clyde Charles and Cora (Weaver) Stiffner, who are both deceased.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Carolyn and Clayton Morr of Wawaka and Alice Stiffner of Albion; four grandchildren and their spouses, Christine and Ric Jordan of Wawaka, Carol and Mike Selby of Albion, Jennifer and Wayne Diehm Jr. of Kendallville and Joel Streich of Wawaka; eight great-grandchildren, Jacquelyn and Kory Walkup of Avilla, Kimberely, Olivia, Wayne III and Clayton Diehm, all of Kendallville, and Anna and Mikey Selby of Albion; one niece, Donna Hefty of Rome City; and two nephews, John Sturgis of Kendallville and Ron Sturgis of Sturgis, Mich.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn Grate.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville with the Rev. Omer Nisley and Rev. Michael Neff officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Wayne Diehm Jr., Jeff Hosted, Steve Jeffries, Ric Jordan, Steve Kirkpatrick, Mike Selby and Joel Streich.

Send condolences or view a video tribute atwww.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Helen Gayhart

HOWE — Helen Jean Gayhart, 75, of rural Howe died unexpectedly Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gayhart was a homemaker and a founding member of Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh. She loved gospel singing, gardening, canning and sewing.

Mrs. Gayhart

She was born on Jan. 28, 1932, in Doney, Ky., to Bailey and Fannie (Moore) Mosley.

She married Green Gayhart on Aug. 23, 1950, in McDowell, Ky. He died Oct. 5, 1974. She then married Reford Gayhart on Nov. 27, 1974 in Clintwood, Va. He died Jan. 28, 2002.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Green and Cynthia Gayheart of Howe; a stepson, Dolpha Gayhart of Howe; four stepdaughters, Esta Faye Moore of Howe, Hester Sanch, Fannie Troyer and Forest Jean Slone, all of Arizona; a stepson, Edsall Ray Gayheart of Willard, Ohio; three grandchildren, Nicole Bond of Howe, Joshua Gayheart of LaGrange and Justin Gayheart of Howe; three great-grandchildren, Aspen Bond, Ryker Bond and Scotland Gayheart; five sisters, Lorene Maple of Astabula, Ohio, Avelene Gayhart of McDowell, Ky., Palistene Mosley of Orlando, Fla., Eunice Jane Collett of West Liberty, Ky., Julie Marie Wilson of Pikesville, Ky., and Pearlene Iller of Versailles, Ky.; five brothers, Clabe Mosley of Sadesville, Ky., and Bill Mosley, Linvell Lane Mosley, Carl Butler Mosley, and Ed Junior Mosley, all of McDowell, Ky.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother, Nathaniel Mosley; a sister, Jeweldean Orborne; and a stepson, Chester Gayhart.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh with Pastor Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday anytime after 4 p.m. at the church with an evening service at 6 p.m. and on Tuesday all day and evening at the church with a service at 6 p.m.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Judy Thalls

GOSHEN — Judy L. Counterman Thalls, 56, of Goshen died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend. Mrs. Thalls had been admitted to the hospital several hours prior to her death and had been ill for the past few years.

Mrs. Thalls

She worked for Goshen Chiropractic for a number of years as a receptionist. She was a member of Goshen Christian Church, where she was active in the Lady's Group and devoted much of her time and energy to the 4-H Saddle Club of Elkhart County. She graduated from Angola High School in 1969.

She was born May 23, 1951, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Murray and Ruth (Johnson) Counterman. They survive at Pleasant Lake.

She married Steven M. Thalls on Aug. 22, 1970. He survives.

In addition to her parents and husband, survivors include a son, Nick S. Thalls of Goshen; her father- and mother-in-law, Adrian and Nancy Thalls of Pleasant Lake; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandra and William Groves of Marion and Tracy and William Boyer of Angola; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jeff and Karen Counterman and Spark and Tammy Counterman, all of Angola; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Goshen Christian Church, 2133 Berkey Ave., Goshen, with the Rev. Kim Huffman officiating. Burial will be at Violett Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen.

Memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

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Jeff Howe

ANGOLA — Jeff Howe, 56, of Angola died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Howe was the owner/operator of Tony's Pizza and More in Angola.

He was born Feb. 14, 1951, in Hillsdale, Mich., to C.J. Jr. and Louise (Schwalm) Howe. His mother preceded him in death. He married Sandra Stanley on March 27, 1993. She survives in Angola.

He is also survived by two stepsons and a spouse, James Evenden of Crete, Greece, and Joseph and Sarah Evenden of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; his father and stepmother, C.J. and Connie Howe of Homer, Mich.; a sister and brother in-law, Cindy and Roy Meyer of Angola; three nieces, Jennifer Danic, Stephanie Swanson and Ashley Meyer; and three stepsisters.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with a correction. We apologize for our typographical error.*

Velma Farrington

AUBURN — Velma L. Farrington, 95, of Auburn died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a very active member of New Hope Christian Center.

She was born Aug. 27, 1912, in Salem Township in Steuben County to Marlton D. and Daisy D. (Tritch) Shumaker. They preceded her in death.

Mrs. Farrington

She married Hugh K. Farrington on Sept. 20, 1944, in the Presbyterian manse in Auburn. He died Sept. 28, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Tom Thompson of Waterloo; four grandchildren, Debra Squier, Jason David, Suzanne Fritz and Ryan David; two stepgrandchildren, Tammy Swank and Jill Thompson; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Heber Shumaker of Angola; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jean and Paul Reinoehl of Ashley and Beverly Blood of Warsaw.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center.

George Stout

PALMETTO, Fla. — George W. Stout, 63, of Palmetto, Fla., died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care in Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. Palmetto lived in Fort Wayne before moving to Florida and worked at Magnavox, retiring in 1999 after working 35 years.

He was born in Auburn on June 20, 1944, to Waldo "Frosty" and Zora Bowers Stout. He was a 1962 graduate of Hamilton High School. When he moved to Palmetto, Fla., he was the board treasurer of Palms of Manasota.

Survivors include a life companion, Jan Darstein; a brother and sister-in-law, Dave "Bill" and Sandi Simon of Wichita, Kan.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Ida Lou and Denver Hamman of Hamilton and Jill and John Alan Hughes and Susan and David Detar, all of Pleasant Lake; four nephews, seven nieces; and seven great-nephews.

Family services were held. Johnson Funeral Home, 812 N. Main St., Hudson, was in charge of arrangements.

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Energy, music and adventure

PHOTO CONTRIBUTE

June Vivian Jones Miller and her husband, Charles Maurice Miller, at Christmas in 1942.

June Miller lived full life of 91 years

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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AVILLA — June Miller, born of unusual circumstances in 1916, did not have a typical childhood. And for the rest of her 91-plus years, she would never fit into a "typical" mold.

Born June Vivian Jones — and affectionately dubbed "Babe" by her dad — she was the adopted daughter and only child of Edward Warren and Mary Viola Stogdill Jones. Her father, a very successful farm implement salesman, had been married before and had six children by his first wife.

June's birth mother, Buela Dock was a single mother from Hammond who was left pregnant by a departing World War I soldier. Later, after World War II, with the help of her Lambda Delta Phi sorority, June made arrangements to meet her mother. Dock had married a railroader and had several children. She met with June, but requested that June never try to contact her other children, since she had never told them about her. June complied.

Adventure was a part of June's life from a very young age. When she was 6, her adopted father and mother decided to move to California. They packed up everything they owned except two canaries and set out on a long road trip through unpaved roads with no bridges, through territory with no motels, hotels, grocery stores, or gas stations and over treacherous mountain passes.

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The California venture did not work out, and the family moved back to Indiana a year later.

June's mother had a love for music and bought June a piano when she was 6 years old. June started playing the piano in first grade and never stopped, becoming music teacher and passing on her love of music to people she met. Wherever there was a convocation or holiday program, June was there playing the piano.

When she was 14, she became friends with Pauline Heckman, a sheet music saleswoman at a department store in downtown Fort Wayne. June would play the piano while Heckman served customers.

At age 16, her connection to Heckman would land June her first job, working for Heckman's husband, who was editor of the Journal Gazette newspaper. In 1932, in the midst of the Great Depression, June made $32 a week, a good salary for that era.

June never heard the word "can't." From a very young age, she was told she would attend college. She entered Ball State in 1934 and graduated two years later with a teaching degree.

It was at college that June met and fell in love with Charles Maurice "Maury" Miller, her future husband.

June's first teaching job was in a small, one-room schoolhouse in Poneto, just south of Bluffton. In 1938, she got a teaching job in Huntertown.

June and Maury married very quietly in 1938. According to her son, Dave Miller, who lives in California, during that time period female elementary school teachers were not supposed to be married. Consequently, a year later June was fired from her teaching position. But being married was not the total reason, according to Dave Miller. What really played into it was the fact that June had married a Catholic man and had converted to Catholicism.

In 1942, June traveled with Maury when he was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy and assigned to the Navy Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) command in Boston, Miami and Key West. June fulfilled her need for music with frequent trips to the symphony and especially the Boston Pops. She played the organ at radio stations during their soap operas, commercials and other live productions. When Maury deployed overseas, June returned to live in Ossian with her in-laws.

Never one to adjust to the status quo, June was known to enjoy an occasional bottle of beer or two with her co-workers in Ossian. Her mother-in-law was against alcohol in any form. In the ensuing conflict, with both sides refusing to bend, June's father-in-law settled the matter by allowing June to drink her beer — on the porch.

After Maury returned home at the end of the war, the couple tried unsuccessfully to start a family. Eight years later, they adopted their first child, Michael. After that, June discovered she was pregnant and gave birth — four times, in fact — to four more boys, Dave, Thaddeus, Anthony and Thomas. Sadly, Thaddeus died shortly after birth.

In 1955, with four growing boys, June and Maury moved from Fort Wayne to rural Garrett, building a new home in Holiday Lakes. They immediately immersed themselves in the community. June and Maury got involved in replacing St. Joseph's Elementary School that had been built in 1888 with a brand-new facility. June was active in Mother's Club, Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus. The Millers became local celebrities with fund-raising cookouts and dinners at their home.

June Miller was a "soccer mom" before the term became widely known. All of her sons were athletic — son Anthony "Tony" Miller was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in November — and June was at every youth baseball game.

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When her son, David ,was good enough to make the Little League team, but never got to play, she organized her own team. Maury and Paul Rugman built a baseball field. Garrett resident Lee Harter coached and obtained used baseball uniforms and Maury provided Minnesota Paints Hats, and June Miller had her Holiday Lakers baseball team.

In the 1960s, while all of her children were attending school, June enrolled at Saint Francis College and completed her bachelor's degree. In 1965 she returned to teaching in Harlan, where she taught for over 20 years.

In 1982, after a triple-bypass operation from which he never recovered, Maury died. June retired and moved to Florida, where she resumed her love of travel. Accompanied by friends, she took tours to Europe, the Caribbean, the Middle East and Asia. One of her favorite pictures shows her riding on the back of an elephant in Nepal while tiger hunting.

June's health began to deteriorate in 2001 and she moved back to Indiana, where she resided first at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn, later moving to Sacred Heart Provena Nursing Home in Avilla.

At Sacred Heart, Dave Miller said, his mother was the librarian and a regular social butterfly up until the end of her life.

June Vivian Jones Miller died Oct. 2 after 91-plus years of nonstop energy, music and adventure, her son said.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

After retiring as a music teacher, June Miller loved to travel. This photo – her favorite – shows her riding on the back of an elephant, while tiger hunting on a trip to Nepal and India.

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Roselyn Nellans

WARSAW — Roselyn M. Nellans, 80, of Warsaw, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She resided on the Nellans poultry farm in Sevastopol, Ind., until 1966, when she moved to Warsaw.

Mrs. Nellans graduated from Albion High School in Albion and Manchester College. She was a teacher at Etna Troy School in Whitley County and co-owner of Nellow Camp and Sport Center, Warsaw.

In Kendallville on Dec. 23, 1926, she was born to Walter and Beatrice (Hovarter) Pankop.

She married Dale Singer Nellans in Kendallville on July 21, 1947. He survives in Warsaw.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marcia Nellans, and M. Sue and Maurice Guiff, all of Warsaw, and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Mary Pankop and Mark and Jeanne Pankop, all of Kendallville.

A sister, Phyllis Reeve, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with the Rev. Jim MacDonald of Warsaw's Walnut Creek United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Our Father's House, Warsaw, or The Mid-America Windmill Museum, Kendallville.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with corrected information.*

Ralph Stiffner

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph Wilson Stiffner, 89, of Kendallville died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Stiffner was a lifetime Orange Township farmer. He also drove a school bus for Rome City Schools.

He joined the United States Army and served his country until 1943.

He married Martha Lucille Stillinger on March 4, 1944, at Wawaka United Methodist Church. She survives in Kendallville.

In March 2006, he was honored as a 60-year member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion.

He was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church in Brimfield. He liked to tend to his garden and take care of his yard. He also enjoyed reading, especially keeping up to date on current events and politics.

Mr. Stiffner

Hew was born near Wawaka on Dec. 1, 1918, to Clyde Charles and Cora (Weaver) Stiffner, who are both deceased.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Carolyn and Clayton Morr of Wawaka and Alice Stiffner of Albion; four grandchildren and their spouses, Christine and Ric Jordan of Wawaka, Carol and Mike Selby of Albion, Jennifer and Wayne Diehm Jr. of Kendallville and Joel Streich of Wawaka; eight great-grandchildren, Jacquelyn and Kory Walkup of Avilla, Kimberely, Olivia, Wayne III and Clayton Diehm, all of Kendallville, and Anna and Mikey Selby of Albion; one niece, Donna Hefty of Rome City; and two nephews, John Sturgis of Kendallville and Ron Sturgis of Sturgis, Mich.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn Grate.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville with the Rev. Omer Nisley and Rev. Michael Neff officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be today from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Pallbearers will be Wayne Diehm Jr., Jeff Hosted, Steve Jeffries, Ric Jordan, Steve Kirkpatrick, Mike Selby and Joel Streich.

To send condolences or view a video tribute, visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Melissa (Kagey) Reas

ST. JOE — A service for Melissa Anne (Kagey) Reas, 57, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, will be today at 2:30 p.m. at Coburn Corners Church of Christ in rural St. Joe.

The service was postponed from Sunday due to a winter storm.

She died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Mount Carmel West Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

She was employed as a registered nurse with American Red Cross. A member of Rosehill Church of Christ in Reynoldsburg, she did missionary work in India and taught at a Christian school in Puerto Rico.

She was born Feb. 22, 1950, in Garrett to Harold J. and Alice V. (Hart) Kagey.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Lisa Reas; a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and James Logan; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Richard Kagey, and a sister, Martha J. Beard.

Burial will be in Alton Cemetery of St. Joe.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Connie Young

ALGANSEE, Mich. — Connie Lee Young, 81, of Algansee Township, Mich., died Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Young retired from L.A. Darling Co., where she was a facial artist and decorated mannequins. During World War II, she worked at Hudson Motor Co. in Detroit building B-29 airplanes.

She loved gardening, cooking and tending to farm animals. She also enjoyed gathering walnuts for the Friends of the Algansee Library.

She was born on May 23, 1926, in Parnell, Ky., to Obie and Bertha Mae (Fletcher) Phipps. Both preceded her in death. She married Kenneth George Young in 1945. He preceded her in death in 1991.

She is survived by a daughter, Rosetta Young of Quincy, Mich., a son and daughter-in-law, Franklin and Patty Young of Quincy; and a grandchild, James Zaroff.

She was also preceded in death by a brother; two sisters; and a step-brother.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Quincy, with the Rev. Rick Nohr officiating. Burial will be in Fisher Hill Cemetery in Algansee Township.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Hospice of Coldwater or Friends of the Algansee Library.

Barbara Troyer

GOSHEN — Barbara H. Troyer, 96, of rural Goshen, died at 1:40 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at her residence.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

On May 2, 1911, in Marshall County, she was born to Henry C. and Mary D. (Mullett) Hochstetler. She married Levi S. Troyer on Jan 22, 1930. He preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 1979.

Surviving are: a daughter, Edna Troyer, Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Wilma and Omer Hochstetler, Milford; and a sister-in-law, Mary Hochstetler, Nappanee.

In addition to her husband, her parents, three brothers, Jerome, Edward and Jonas Hochstetler, and three sisters, Susie Slabaugh, Christina Bontrager and Sara Beachy, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family residence with Bishop Eli Miller and the Revs. Elmer Miller and John A. Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Pallbearers will be Raymond Yoder, Gerald Mast, Chris Schwartz, John Borkholder, Joe Dean Mast and Freeman Shrock.

Calling is after 4 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at her residence.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeal Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Herbert Chaffins

KENDALLVILLE — Herbert Chaffins, 63, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, Kendallville, where he resided for the past four years.

Mr. Chaffins

He worked for Dometic Manufacturing in LaGrange and Midwest Molding in Wolcottville.

Mr. Chaffins was a member of the Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City where he enjoyed going to church every Sunday. He also enjoyed being with his family and spending time with his grandchildren, especially fishing.

In Garrett, Ky. on Aug. 14, 1944, he was born to Ivan and Nellie (Hicks) Chaffins.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Michelle Chaffins, Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Angie and Jay Nordman and Masie and Marc Vance, all of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, River, Gary and Zeke Chaffins, Kayla and Matthew Vance and Josh and Ashlynn Sparkman; a great-granddaughter, Jasmine Chaffins; six sisters, Ossie Coburn and Joyce Conley, both of Wolcottville, Algae Cooper, Monroe, Mich., Belia Clemons, Lebanon, Ohio, Phyllis Meadows, Findlay, Ohio, and Helen Tuttle, Garrett, Ky.; and four brothers, Gary, Allan and Danny Chaffins, all of Garrett, Ky., and Jimmie Chaffins, Albion.

His parents, a brother, four sisters and a grandson, Joey Sparkman in 2004, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Full Gospel Revival Center, south of Rome City, with Pastor Purda Hicks and the Rev. Ovie Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Pallbearers will be Philip and Zeke Chaffins, Joshua Sparkman, Jay Nordman and Marc and Kayla Vance.

Calling will be from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Full Gospel Revival Center south of Rome City.

Memorials are to his family for funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent online to hitefuneralhome.com.

Kay Geiger

CHURUBUSCO — Kay (Wakeman) Geiger, 66, Churubusco, died at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at her residence following an extended illness.

Among survivors are: her husband, Harry L. Geiger; a son, Harold Coil, Churubusco; three daughters, Trina Peters, Sherri and Michelle Godschalk, all of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Nichole Bortner, Avilla; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Mary Ann Wakeman, LaOtto.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted because services and calling have been rescheduled due to weather conditions.*

Ralph Stiffner

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph Wilson Stiffner, 89, Kendallville, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Stiffner was a lifetime Orange Township farmer.

He retired in December 1981 from the Noble County Highway Department after 181/2 years of service, and drove a school bus for Rome City Schools.

He joined the U.S. Army and served his country until 1943.

He married Martha Lucille Stillinger on March 4, 1944, at Wawaka United Methodist Church. She survives in Kendallville.

In March 2006, he was honored as a 60-year member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion.

He was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church in Brimfield. He liked to tend to his garden and take care of his yard. He also enjoyed reading, especially keeping up to date on current events and politics.

He was born near Wawaka on Dec. 1, 1918, to Clyde Charles and Cora (Weaver) Stiffner.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Carolyn and Clayton Morr of Wawaka, and Alice Stiffner of Albion; four grandchildren and their spouses, Christine and Ric Jordan of Wawaka, Carol and Mike Selby of Albion, Jennifer and Wayne Diehm Jr. of Kendallville and Joel Streich of Wawaka; eight great-grandchildren, Jacquelyn and Kory Walkup of Avilla, Kimberly, Olivia, Wayne III and Clayton Diehm, all of Kendallville, and Anna and Mike Selby of Albion; one niece, Donna Hefty of Rome City; and two nephews, John Sturgis of Kendallville and Ron Sturgis of Sturgis, Mich.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn Grate.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Revs. Omer Nisley and Michael Neff officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Pallbearers will be Wayne Diehm Jr., Jeff Hosted, Steve Jeffries, Ric Jordan, Steve Kirkpatrick, Mike Selby and Joel Streich.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis IN 46206.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Patricia Gilliland

GARRETT — Patricia J. Gilliland, 81, of Garrett died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at St. John's Hospital in Anderson.

A lifetime Garrett resident, she worked for the collections department at Garrett City Hall for 11 years before retiring in 1992.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett and Tri Kappa Sorority, and served as director of the Miss Garrett Pageant from 1968 until 2003.

She was born Jan. 3, 1926, in Kendallville to Robert A. and Gladys M. (Turney) Whitford.

Surviving are three sons, Craig Gilliland of Oakland, Calif., David Gilliland of Atlanta, Ga., and Douglas Gilliland of Anderson; a daughter, Paula Rutherford of Muncie; a sister, Virginia Yanuszeski of Kendallville; two granddaughters, Holly Rutherford and Carmen Gilliland; and a grandson, Nicolas Gilliland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Jack Whitford; and a sister, Roberta Hile.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56. Garrett, with Pastor Art Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Garrett.

To sign an online guestbook or send a condolence to the family, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Kay Geiger

CHURUBUSCO — Kay (Wakeman) Geiger, 66, of Churubusco died at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at her residence following an extended illness.

She spent her early years on a farm west of Churubusco, and as a youth moved with her parents to Eel River Township. She graduated from Huntertown High School in 1959. During her adult life she lived in Fort Wayne, and had lived in Churubusco for the past 35 years.

She retired from C&A Tool and Engineering in Churubusco in 1999 after 12 years of service. She was a member of Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 157.

On Oct. 4, 1941, in Wolf Lake, she was born to George and Alberta (Gangaware) Wakeman. On Feb. 19, 1987, she married Harry L. Geiger in Las Vegas, Nev. He survives.

Other survivors include three daughters, Trina Peters, and Sherri and Michelle Godschalk, all of Fort Wayne; a son and his companion, Harold C. Coil II and Heidi Geller, both of Churubusco; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Nicole and John Bortner of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Mary Ann Wakeman of LaOtto; three grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, a sister, Rosalie Wakeman, preceded her in death on Dec. 25, 2004.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the SPCA, 4914 Hanna St., Fort Wayne, IN 46806 or Visiting Nurse & Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.com.

Edith Hively

ALBION — Edith Zeigler Hively, 87, of Skinner Lake near Albion, formerly of rural Allen County, died at 1:40 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, following a lengthy illness.

Her first husband, Joseph "Ben" Zeigler, preceded her in death on May 5, 1989.

Her second husband, Dale Hively, rural Albion, son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Nancy Zeigler, rural Albion, and sister Margueretta Coleman, New Haven, are among her survivors.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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William Yocklin

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — William C. Yocklin, 89, of Seminole, Fla., died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at Hospice Hospital in Pinellas Park, Fla.

Mr. Yocklin

Mr. Yocklin was owner of ABC Distributing Co. and opened the first drive-through party center, Bill's Party Center, in Defiance, Ohio. He sold his business and moved to Florida in 1976 where he worked at The Omega until 1998. He was a member of the Elks for 55 years.

Survivors include his children, William Yocklin of Tacoma, Wash., Andrew Yocklin of Kansas City, Mo., Kay Wood of Fremont, Rita Keys of Tucson, Ariz., Mary Ann Wise of Southwick, Mass., Carol Glasco of Raymore, Mo., Donald Yocklin of Racine, Wis., Robin Ahiquist of St. Petersburg, Fla., Robert Yocklin of Seminole, Fla. and David Yocklin of Charlotte, N.C.; six step-children, Anthony Westrick of Lakewood, Calif., Nicholas Westrick of La Palma, Calif., Andrea Garcia of Archbold, Ohio, Christine Small of Greenville, N.C., and Brenda Abdouni and Steve Westrick, both of Toledo, Ohio; 36 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan; a daughter, Linda; and a son, Carl.

Services will be Friday at Moss-Feaster, Serenity Gardens Chapel in Largo, Fla.

Ruby Burger

LAGRANGE — Ruby I. Burger, 90, of LaGrange, formerly of Brighton, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

The lifetime LaGrange County resident retired after 21 years as a cook for Brighton School. She was a member of the English Prairie Church of the Brethren in Howe, the Ladies Aid of the church and volunteered at LaGrange County Clothes & Food Basket and with Meals on Wheels.

On Aug. 11, 1917, in Wolcottville, she was born to Frank and Mary (Grimm) Poynter. She married Glenn L. Burger on Feb. 27, 1938, in Sturgis, Mich. He preceded her in death on July 30, 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Pauline Geer of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Thelma Burger of Syracuse, Elwood and Jean Burger of Howe, and Melvin and Edith Burger of Bridgewater, Va.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, a brother, Harold Poynter; two sisters, Beulah Smith and Helen Coty, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at English Prairie Brethren Church with the Rev. Dwight Kauffman officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church, LaGrange County Council on Aging and LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Ronald Smith

PLEASANT LAKE — Ronald Eugene Smith, 58, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was a product engineer at Auburn Gear in Auburn.

He was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ, the society of mechanical engineers, and Delta Chi fraternity. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening and the warm Florida sun.

He was born Aug. 15, 1949, in Mechanicsburg, Pa., to Julian Dewitt and Helen (Wrightstone) Smith. Both survive in Galloway, Ohio. He married Marie Warmbier on Aug. 20, 1993. She survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving is a son, Jason Smith of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Collin; a sister and brother-in-law, Lois and David Neff of Galloway; a niece and her spouse, Lori and Phil Cornett; and a nephew, Jeff Neff, all of Galloway; in-laws Carol and Dan Warmbier of Three Oaks, Mich.; grandfather-in-law, Charles Skove of Angola; sister-in-law Beth Yvonne Warmbier-Ramp of Shanghai, China, and her daughters Arianna and Isabella; and a brother-in-law, Jason Warmbier of Ann Arbor, Mich., and his son Simon.

Services will be held at noon Wednesday at Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola, with the Rev. Alan LaRue officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be two hours before the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Pleasant View Church of Christ.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is handling arrangements.

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Eugene Erpelding

AVILLA — Eugene F. Erpelding, 71, of Avilla died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He was an equipment repairman with Office Concepts, and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Surviving are three brothers, Father Edward Erpelding of Avilla, John P. Erpelding of Fort Wayne, and Joseph B. Erpelding and his wife, Margaret, of Craigville; two sisters, Sister M. Cecelia Marie Erpelding, O.S.F. of Mishawaka, and Marilyn R. McKee and her husband, Richard, of Fort Wayne; and a sister-in-law, Carol Oberholtzer-Erpelding of Cape Coral, Fla.

A brother, William R. Erpelding, preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with Father Edward Erpelding officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services at the church and from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with a vigil at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Queen of Angels Organ Fund.

Gladys Warner-Losure

AUBURN — Gladys Marie Warner-Losure, 100, of Auburn died Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Warner-Losure was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 12, 1907, to Albert Henry and Cora Mae (Fegler) Warner. They preceded her in death.

She married Lenna Romain Losure on Dec. 16, 1939. He died Dec. 18, 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William Dale and Bert Marshall of Boyne City, Mich.; two grandchildren, Pamela Ellstrom and her husband, Ole, of Boyne City, Mich., and Danny Marshall of Pen Argyl, Pa.; five great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; and several cousins and friends.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with the Rev. Al Black officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Meese Chapel United Methodist Chuch or a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home is handling arragements.

Jean Eme

ROME CITY — Jean A. Eme, 57, of Rome City died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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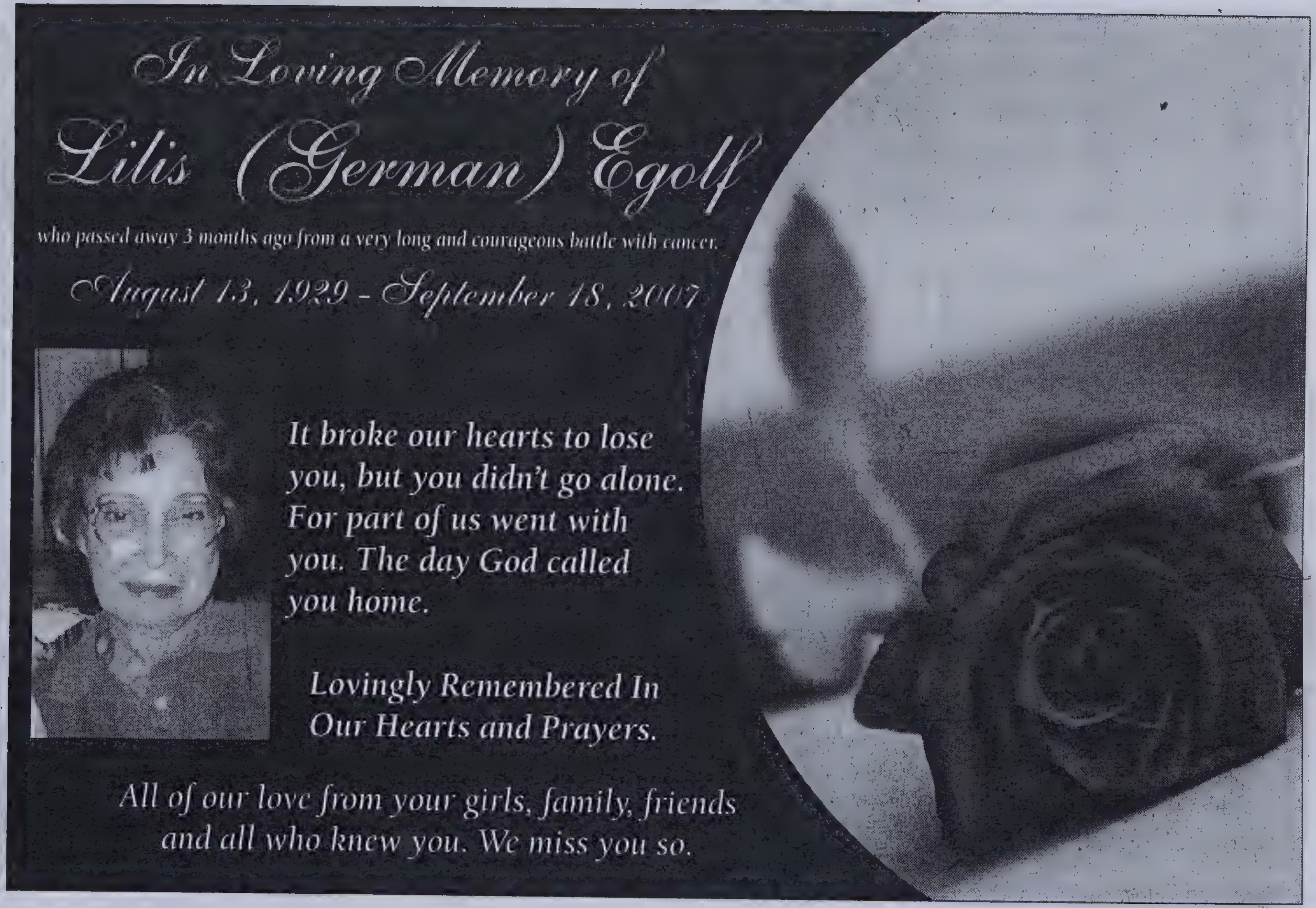

In Loving Memory of

Lilis (German) Egolf

who passed away 3 months ago from a very long and courageous battle with cancer.

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It broke our hearts to lose
you, but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with
you. The day God called
you home.

Lovingly Remembered In
Our Hearts and Prayers.

All of our love from your girls, family, friends
and all who knew you. We miss you so.

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Robert Shockley

SPENCERVILLE — Robert L. Shockley, 76, of Spencerville died Tuesday morning, Dec. 18, 2007, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Shockley worked as an assembler at RISE Inc. He was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church and enjoyed singing hymns and reading his Bible every day. He loved Diet Pepsi, County Line Cheese and playing euchre. He always said he liked two kinds of pie, hot and cold.

He was born April 28, 1931, in Spencerville to Hearsel and Kathryn E. (Conwell) Shockley. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a sister, Margaret Conner of Blountsville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Hearsel S. "Bud" Shockley and Roland Shockley, and two sisters, Louise Zimmerman and Betty Rediger.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 100, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Gordon Yeager

TOPEKA — Gordon "Gordy" L. Yeager, 56, of Topeka died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Services are pending at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Garree Ternet

TRI-LAKES — Garree E. (Welch) Ternet, 58, of Tri-Lakes and formerly of Churubusco, died at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at her residence.

Among survivors are her husband, Neal F. Ternet; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Jim Ormsby of Churubusco; a son Tyrone Ternet of Columbia City; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Beverly and Robert Irving of Deltona, Fla., Brenda and Steve Baumgartner of Bluffton, Linda Galligher of Kendallville, and Janet D. Welch of Churubusco; and three grandchildren.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Robert Purkhiser

PORT HOPE, Mich. — Robert B. Purkhiser, 91, of the Lighthouse Park area near Port Hope, Mich., died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007, at Bay City Medical Center, Bay City, Mich., after hip replacement surgery and rehabilitation at Coutney Manor in Bad Axe.

Mr. Purkhiser owned and operated DeHaven Coal Co., Hoosier Soil Service and Purk's Bait and Tackle in Bluffton, until he moved to Michigan in the early 1970s.

He was a member of the Bluffton Elks for many years. He was an avid sports fan and loved the outdoors. He was a hunter, fisherman and enjoyed Bluffton Tiger basketball and the Purdue Boilermakers.

He was born May 28, 1916, in Salem to James Benjamin and Grace E. (Brewer) Purkhiser. They preceded him in death.

He married LaVerne Schardine on July 13, 1940. Together they owned and operated the Purkhiser Rustic Cottages near Lighthouse Park from 1972 to 1989. She preceded him in death on Feb. 5, 2005.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Beth Purkhiser of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Suzy Purkhiser of Villeur Banne, France; two grandchildren, Caitlin and Kelly; several nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law, Luella Purkhiser.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Lynn Purkhiser.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Ramsey Funeral Home, 425 State St., Harbor Beach, Mich. Burial will be in New River Cemetery near Huron City.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Edith Hively

ALBION — Edith Zeigler Hively, 87, of Skinner Lake near Albion and formerly of rural Allen County, died at 1:40 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness.

She spent her formative years in Fort Wayne, and graduated from Central High School. She lived in Fort Wayne and moved to Skinner Lake where she resided the past 16 years.

She was a homemaker for much of her life, and worked at various retail stores and offices, and was active in the Allen County Home Extension Club.

On Jan. 20, 1920, in Fort Wayne, she was born to Paul and Edith (Sarber) Porter. She married Joseph "Ben" Zeigler. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1989. She then married Dale Hively in 1991. He survives.

Other survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul B. and Nancy Zeigler of rural Albion; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Beverly and Don Gardner of Flushing, Mich., and Phyllis and Gerd Schue of Switzerland; a sister, Margueretta Coleman of New Haven; four grandchildren and three spouses, Scott and Annette Zeigler of Merriam, Heather and Rob Rawles of Albion, Todd and Kim Zeigler of Mooresville, N.C., and Chad Zeigler of Fort Wayne; three stepgrandchildren and one spouse, Heather and Rick Gill and Jackie O'Dae, both of Flushing, Mich., and Jeff Justice of South Bend; 11 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and first husband, she was preceded in death by a son Thomas R. Zeigler, two sisters, Pauline Walda and Phyllis Clark, and a brother, Robert Porter.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, 515 N. Main St., Avilla, IN 46710.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Leslie Babcock

ALBION — Leslie L. Babcock, 66, of Albion died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at his residence.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion.

Surviving are a son, Phil Babcock of Hudson, N.H.; a daughter, Sandra Babcock of Massachusetts; a sister, Bonnie Camp of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Larry R. Link of Fort Wayne.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Jean Eme

ROME CITY — Jean A. Eme, 58, of Rome City died at 2:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and Noble County resident most of her life.

She graduated from East Noble High School in 1970 and attended Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. She was a U.S. Army veteran.

On Sept. 10, 1949, she was born in Kendallville to Charles W. and Rosemary (Stark) Sparrow. She married Ronald Eme on June 24, 1972, in Kendallville. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving is a niece, Michelle Moser of New Mexico.

Her parents, two brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Priscilla Green

OCALA, Fla. — Priscilla Green, 84, of Montgomery, Mich., and Leesburg, Fla., died Tuesday Dec. 18, 2007, at Hospice in Ocala, Fla.

She is survived by three children and a son-in-law, Connie and LeRoy Crooks of Ocala, Jeffrey Green of Trinity, Fla., and Cynthia Green of Tallahassee, Fla.; five grandchildren, Derek and Travis Crooks, Kyle and Lindsey Green, and Fracesa Banakar of Tallahassee; and great-grandchildren, Keaton and Camden Crooks.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Marvin Green, in 2006.

A joint memorial service will be in the spring or summer of 2008.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Hospice of Marion County, Fla.

Roberts Downtown Chapel in Ocala is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.robertsfuneralhomes.com, or to Connie Crooks at 2495 NW 59th Terrace, Ocala, Fla.

Karen Kruger

ANGOLA — Karen R. Kruger, 68, of Angola died Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Kruger

Mrs. Kruger was a homemaker.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

She was born Oct. 8, 1939, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Lester and Clara (Theimer) Wachholz, who both preceded her in death. She married Rich Kruger on Feb. 17, 1962. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Stefanie Kruger of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Greg Sullivan of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Barb Wachholz of Oswego, Ill.; and four grandchildren, Adam, Kyle and Emma Sullivan, and Nathan Kruger.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Calvary Lutheran Church, with the Rev. David Doane officiating.

Calling will be from 6 to p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, as well as one hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church and the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Herbert Chaffins, 63

KENDALLVILLE – Herbert Chaffins, age 63, of Kendallville, passed away on Sunday, December 16, 2007 at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center in Kendallville where he lived the past four years.

Mr. Chaffins was born in Garrett, Kentucky on August 14, 1944 to Ivan Chaffins and Nellie (Hicks) Chaffins.

He was employed with Dometic Manufacturing in LaGrange and Midwest Molding in Wolcottville.

Herb was a member of the Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City where he enjoyed going to church every Sunday. Herb enjoyed being with his family and spending time with his grandkids.

His grandchildren loved it when grandpa would take them fishing.

Survivors include: a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Michelle Chaffins of Wolcottville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Angie and Jay Nordman of Kendallville, and Masie and Marc Vance of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, River, Gary and Zeke Chaffins; Kayla and Matthew Vance; Josh and Ashlynn Sparkman; one great granddaughter, Jasmine Chaffins; six sisters, Ossie Coburn and Joyce Conley both of Wolcottville, Algae Cooper of Monroe, Michigan, Belia Clemons of Lebanon, Ohio, Phyllis Meadows of Findley, Ohio, and Helen Tuttle of Garrett, Kentucky; four brothers, Gary Chaffins, Allan Chaffins and Danny Chaffins all of Garrett, Kentucky, and Jimmie Chaffins of Albion. Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandson, Joey Sparkman in 2004; one brother and four sisters.

Funeral Services were held at Full Gospel Revival Center.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Purda Hicks and Rev. Ovie Mitchell.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Preferred Memorials may be made to his family for funeral expenses.

Casketbearers were Philip and Zeke Chaffins, Joshua Sparkman, Jay Nordman, Marc and Kayla Vance.

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Virginia Lee Ober, 74

ALBION - Virginia Lee Ober, 74, of Albion, died Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 11:47 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Albion on July 27, 1933, she was the daughter of Dennis and Velma (Webber) Scheurich. She was a lifetime resident of Albion, and was a homemaker that also helped run the family farm. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She was a 1951 graduate of Albion High School and enjoyed family, gardening, flowers and reading.

On December 11, 1954 at E.U.B. Church in Albion, she married Robert Ober, he survives in Albion. Also, surviving are a daughter and son-n-law, Melinda and Jack Conrad of Albion, grandchildren, Melissa Smith of Fort Wayne, and Lance Conrad of Albion. A brother, Don Scheurich of Kendallville. Brother-n-laws Jerry (Margaret) Ober of Kendallville, Lee (Roberta) Ober of Albion, and Larry (Judy) Ober of Albion. Sister-in-law, Kathy (John) Whittkamper of Knightstown, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lisa Ann Ober, a grandson, Chad Conrad, her parents, and a brother, Bobby Scheurich.

Services were held December 15, 2007 at Brazzell Funeral Home. Rev. Larry R. Williams officiated.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Ober were John Whittkamper, Lance Conrad, Jack Conrad, Mark, Mike and Larry Ober. Burial took place at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Please make your donations to the organization of your choice.

To send online condolences or sign a register please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Kenneth L. Rollins, 70

Kenneth "Kenny" L. Rollins, 70, a lifetime area resident of Cromwell, died at 8:10 p.m., December 11, 2007 at Avalon Village Nursing Home of natural causes.

Mr. Rollins was born in Huntertown, Indiana on July 9, 1937 to Ernest and Adah (Reed) Rollins.

He was self employed as a construction worker, worked as a mechanic with Monsanto in Ligonier and set burial vaults with Charlie Michaels.

Mr. Rollins was raised in the Methodist church, loved golf, bowling, fishing, Nascar, IU Basketball, the Chicago Cubs and was a people person.

He served his country in the US Air Force. He was a member of the VFW Post #4717 Wolf Lake and American Legion of Ligonier Post #243.

Survivors include one daughter, Tammy of Syracuse; two brothers, Herman (Gail) Rollins of Goshen and Eugene (Beverly) Rollins of Syracuse; one sister, Irene Fisher of Cromwell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, James and Clyde Rollins; two sisters, Alma Rollins and Juanita Felts.

Services were held December 14, 2007 at Knepper's Reception Hall. The Pastor Don Poyser officiated. Full Military Rites were observed at the service.

Burial took place at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN.

Memorials to VFW Wolf Lake Post #4717 or American Legion of Ligonier Post #243.

Ralph Wilson Stiffner, 89

Ralph Wilson Stiffner, age 89, of Kendallville, passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mr. Stiffner was born near Wawaka on December 1, 1918 to Clyde Charles Stiffner and Cora (Weaver) Stiffner.

He entered the United States Army and served his country until 1943 and then married Martha Lucille Stillinger on March 4, 1944 at the Wawaka United Methodist Church.

Mr. Stiffner was a lifetime Orange Township farmer. He also drove school bus for Rome City Schools.

He retired in December of 1981 from the Noble County Highway Department after 18 1/2 years of service.

In March 2006, he was honored as a 60 year member of the American Legion Post #246, Albion.

Ralph was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church. He liked to tend his garden and take care of his yard. He also enjoyed reading, especially keeping up to date on current events and politics.

Survivors include his spouse of 63 years, Martha Stiffner of Kendallville; two daughters and son-in-law: Carolyn and Clayton Morr of Wawaka, Alice Stiffner of Albion; Four grandchildren and their spouses: Christine and Ric Jordan of Wawaka; Carol and Mike Selby of Albion; Jennifer and Wayne Diehm, Jr. of Kendallville and Joel Streich of Wawaka; Great grandchildren: Jacquelyn and Kory Walkup of Avilla; Kimberely, Olivia, Wayne III, and Clayton Diehm all of Kendallville; Anna and Mikey Selby of Albion; One niece, Donna Hefty of Rome City; Two nephews, John Sturgis of Kendallville and Ron Sturgis of Sturgis, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Evelyn Grate.

Services were held at Hite Funeral Home .

Rev. Omer Nisley and Rev. Michael Neff officiated.

Burial took place at Orange Cemetery in Rome City .

Preferred Memorials may be made to American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206.

Casketbearers were Wayne Diehm, Jr., Jeff Hosted, Steve Jeffries, Ric Jordan, Steve Kirkpatrick, Mike Selby, and Joel Streich.

View a video tribute (after Sunday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Rev. Keith E. Bunn, 61

CONYERS, Ga. — Minister Keith E. Bunn, 61, of Conyers, Ga., died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007.

He was ordained to Christian ministry in 1968 and faithfully served at Tucker Christian Church for 34 years. He served Christ through missions and outreach as the Georgia Christian Ministers' Association president, the Georgia Christian Missionary rally chairman, on the National Missionary Convention Executive Committee and as trustee for Bethshean Mexico Mission and Christian City. He was awarded "God's Honored Servant 2007" by the Georgia Christian Convention.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Dianne Bunn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rebekah and Derrell Roberts of Conyers and Jennifer and Jon Day of Carrollton, Ga.; a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Lori Bunn of Suwanee, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Janice Bunn of Suwanee, Ga.; a sister and brother-in-law, Velma and Raymond Souder of Avilla; his grandchildren, Emily and Christopher Day, Brendan Bunn and Michele Jervey and her husband, Russell; his great grandchildren, Cooper Jervey and Hudson and Blake Jervey; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held December 14, 2007 at Tucker Christian Church. Minister Jon Day officiated. Burial took place at Floral Hills Memory Gardens.

Memorials are to "Keith's Favorite Missions" at Tucker Christian Church, P.O. Box 687, Tucker, GA 30085, in memory of Minister Keith Bunn.

Roselyn Nellans, 80

WARSAW — Roselyn M. Nellans, 80, of Warsaw, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

In Kendallville on Dec. 23, 1926, she was born to Walter and Beatrice (Hovarter) Pankop.

Mrs. Nellans graduated from Albion High School and Manchester College. She was a teacher at Etna Troy School in Whitley County and co-owner of Nellow Camp and Sport Center, Warsaw.

She married Dale Singer Nellans in Kendallville on July 21, 1947. He survives in Warsaw.

She resided on the Nellans poultry farm in Sevastopol, IN., until 1966, when she moved to Warsaw.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marcia Nellans, and M. Sue and Maurice Guiff, all of Warsaw, and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Mary Pankop and Mark and Jeanne Pankop, all of Kendallville.

A sister, Phyllis Reeve, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services were December 17, 2007 at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Rev. Jim MacDonald of Warsaw's Walnut Creek United Methodist Church officiated. Burial took place in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorials are to Our Father's House, Warsaw, or The Mid-America Windmill Museum, Kendallville.

Leslie L. Babcock, 66

ALBION — Leslie L. Babcock, 66, died Sunday at his residence in Albion, IN. He was a Navy Veteran and member of American Legion Post #246 in Albion.

Surviving is a son, Phil Babcock of Hudson, NH; a daughter, Sandra Babcock of Massachusetts; a sister, Bonnie Camp and brother, Larry R. Link both of Fort Wayne.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 19, 2007, Wednesday

Kay Geiger, 66

CHURUBUSCO — Kay (Wakeman) Geiger, 66, Churubusco, died at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007, at her residence following an extended illness.

Mrs. Geiger was born on October 4, 1941 in Wolf Lake, a daughter of George and Alberta (Gongaware) Wakeman, and spent her early years on a farm west of Churubusco. As a youth, she moved to Eel River Township with her parents and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1959.

During her adult life, she lived in Fort Wayne for a period and had lived in Churubusco for the past 35 years. A former employee of C & A Tool and Engineering in Churubusco, she retired from there in 1999 after 12 years.

She was a member of Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 157.

On February 19, 1987 she was married in Las Vegas, Nevada to Harry L. Geiger. He survives.

The other surviving relatives include her three daughters Trina Peters, Sherri Godschalk and Michelle Godschalk, all of Fort Wayne; her son Harold C. (companion Heidi Geller) Coil II of Churubusco; a stepdaughter, Nicole (John) Bortner, Albion; and a brother, Robert (Mary Ann) Wakeman, LaOtto; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister Rosalie Wakeman on December 25, 2004.

Services are Thursday, December 20, 2007, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Wednesday from 2 to 7 p.m., or one hour prior to the service Thursday morning.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the SPCA, 4914 Hanna Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46806; or Visiting Nurse & Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Geiger's name, please visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Edith Zeiger Hivley, 87

SKINNER LAKE — Edith Zeigler Hively, age 87, a resident of Skinner Lake near Albion and formerly of rural Allen County, died at 1:40 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Hivley was born in Fort Wayne on January 30, 1920, a daughter of Paul and Edith (Sarber) Porter. She spent her formative years in Fort Wayne, and was a graduate of Central High School.

Her first marriage was to Joseph "Ben" Zeigler, and they spent much of their married lives in Lake Township in Allen County. A homemaker for much of her life, she had also worked in various retail stores and offices, and was active in the Allen County Home Extension Club.

Mr. Zeigler preceeded her in death on May 5, 1989.

In 1991 she was married to Dale Hivley and had lived at Skinner Lake for the past 16 years, He survives.

Other surviving relatives include her son, Paul B. (Nancy) Zeigler of rural Albion; two step-daughters Beverly (Don) Gardner of Flushing, MI and Phyllis (Gerd) Schue of Swizerland; a sister Margueretta Colean of New Haven; four grandchildren, Scott (Annette) Zeigler of Merriam, Heather (Rob) Rawles of Albion, Todd (Kim) Zeigler of Mooresville, NC and Chad Zeigler of Fort Wayne; three step-grandchildren, Heather (Rick) Gill and Jackie O'Dae, both of Flushing, MI and Jeff Justice of South Bend; 11 great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and first husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Thomas R. Zeigler; two sisters, Pauline Walda and Phyllis Clark; and a brother Tobert Porter.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 21, 2007, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m..

Interment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Provena Sacred Heart Home, 515 N. Main Street, Avilla, IN 46710.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Hively's memory, please visit www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 20, 2007, Thursday

West Noble area businessman, farmer Gordon Yeager, 56, dies

TOPEKA — Gordon L. "Gordy" Yeager, 56, of Topeka, a well-known farmer and West Noble area businessman, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, of an apparent heart attack.

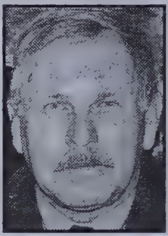
The lifetime Noble County resident graduated from West Noble High School in Ligonier in 1969. Until 1974 he owned Ligonier Sanitation and farmed.

He served on the Ligonier Fire Department for 12 years, and drove a bus for West Noble School Corp. for 20 years. He was an active member of the Ligonier Elks Club, serving all chair positions and achieving Exalted Ruler in 1999.

Mr. Yeager was also an accomplished pilot, receiving his private rating in 1981 and his IFR rating in 1996.

He began his funeral home service career in 1974 when he joined Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. In 1983 he went to work for Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier and remained there until July 2006.

In January this year, he became a full-time member of Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse, and was the owner of the new Yeager Funeral Home that is nearing completion in Ligonier.


Mr. Yeager

He always aspired to meet the needs of his community and had a natural ability to connect with and console the bereaved.

In Kendallville on Sept. 28, 1951, he was born to Herman and Alice (Johnson) Yeager. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his life partner, Ruthann Richards of Topeka; a sister and brother-in-law, Eileen and James Gingerich of Syracuse; a brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Judy Yeager of Baltimore, Md.; two grandchildren, Brooke and Connor, both of Sturgis, Mich.; and additional loving family, Mike and Laure Cunningham, and Justin, Jarod and Jenna Cunningham, all of Topeka; Kim Cunningham and Heather Fausnaugh, both of California, Dawn and David Irmshcher, and Ryan Fausnaugh, all of Fort Wayne.

In addition to his parents, a sister, Julia Ann Riddle, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Stone Hill Community Church, Ligonier, with Pastors Harold Gingerich and Joey Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at West Noble Middle School in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Wawaka Alumni Association or Perry and Elkhart Township 4-H Club.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 20, 2007, Thursday

Walter Simanton

ORLANDO, Fla. — Walter Eugene Simanton, 83, died Dec. 1, 2007, in Orlando, Fla., with family members present.

Mr. Simanton

He was born Oct. 2, 1924, in DeKalb County, the eldest of five children of Pauline and Correll G. Simanton.

He grew up in Auburn and served 34 months in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

He married Jo Anne Patrick in Auburn, and she survives. They celebrated 60 years of marriage on June 28, 2007.

Also surviving are two sons and two daughters-in-law David Eugene and Patty Simanton of Bloomington and Dr. Dexter Simanton and Sue Simanton of Oviedo, Fla.; five grandchildren and their spouses, Scott Simanton of Bloomington, Chris Simanton of Indianapolis, and Ben and Inelisa Simanton, Tim and Amanda Simanton and BreAnna and Mickey Talley, all of Florida; four great-grandchildren, Isabel and Lucas Simanton and Lorelei and Lance Talley; three brothers Robert of Northfield, Ill., Richard of Auburn and Max of Auburn; and a sister, Julia Culbertson of Tulsa Okla

He attended and was a member of Aloma United Methodist Church in Winter Park, Fla.

A celebration of his life will be held at Aloma United Methodist Church in January 2008.

Paul Webster

ANGOLA — Paul E. Webster, 76, of Angola died Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force and enjoyed playing euchre.

On Nov. 17, 1931, he was born in Chicago to William Thomas and Ruth Marie (Bolton) Webster.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, William and Lonna Webster, Richard Webster and James and Raelene Webster, all of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Ella and Larry Mills of Barberville, Ky.; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters; and a brother.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with burial in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

John Sherck

WATERLOO — John C. Sherck, 82, of Waterloo died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

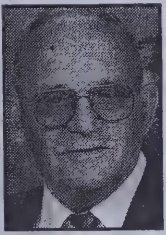
Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Steve Evans officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Oscar Watson

SPENCERVILLE — Oscar V. Watson, 85, of Spencerville died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.



Mr. Watson

Mr. Watson was a lifetime DeKalb County farmer. He also worked for Aro Corp. in Waterloo for 38 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a member of the County Line Church of God and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

He was born Sept. 1, 1922, in Jackson Township to Floyd and Agnes (Reinhold) Watson. They preceded him in death.

He married Evelyn Adams on March 14, 1948, in Butler, and she survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Steve and Sherry Watson of Auburn, Keith and Elaine Watson of Bartlesville, Okla., Roger and Judy Watson of St. Joe, Lynn Watson of Auburn and Duane and Suzanne Watson of St. Cloud, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Kaye Bowers of Hicksville, Ohio; 20 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Harry Watson of Cromwell and Paul Watson of Auburn; a sister, Mabel Hook of Jamestown, Ohio; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Bob Herman and the Rev. Stuart Kruse officiating. Burial will be in the Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God Building Fund.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 20, 2007, Thursday

Garree Ternet

TRI-LAKES — Garree Elaine (Welch) Ternet, 58, of Tri-Lakes and formerly of Churubusco died at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007, at her residence. She had been in declining health for more than four years, and seriously ill the past several months.

Mrs. Ternet

She spent her formative years in Churubusco and was educated in the Smith-Green Community Schools. She moved to Tri-Lakes in 1979.

On March 3, 1949, in Wolf Lake, she was born to William Burrell and Jane Carroll (Litherland) Welch. She married Neal F. Ternet in Churubusco on June 14, 1965. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Jim Ormsby of Churubusco; a son, Tyrone Ternet of Columbia City; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Beverly and Robert Irving of Deltona, Fla., Brenda and Steve Baumgartner of Bluffton, Linda K. Galligher of Kendallville, and Janel D. Welch of Churubusco; and three grandchildren, Brittany and Brock Ormsby and Leah Ternet.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Narda R. Strong, on Dec. 28, 2003, and her parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Paul D. White, pastor of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Whitley County, P.O. Box 245, Columbia City, IN 46725, or Visiting Nurse & Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Herman Fee

ORLAND — Herman C. Fee, 88, of Orland (Wall Lake) and formerly of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 7:25 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at Northern Lakes Healthcare Center in Angola, where he was a resident after an extended illness.

Mr. Fee

Mr. Fee was self-employed as a truck driver and car hauler and also owned and operated Fee's Truck Stop near Edgerton, Ohio, for seven years. He worked as a mechanic for Maxton Motors in Butler for several years.

He was born Nov. 4, 1919, in Butler to Herman A. and Esther Mae (Riser) Fee.

He married Goldie I. Deal on Dec. 25, 1938, in Butler, and she survives. This year they would have celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Charles Reamsnyder of West Unity, Ohio, and Irene and Larry Teats of Montpelier, Ohio; one son and daughter-in-law, Herman Jr. and Marilyn Fee of Montpelier, Ohio; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; two brothers, Bill Fee of Morenci, Mich., and Brooks Fee of Edgerton, Ohio; and one sister, Gloria Oberlin of Pinellas, Fla.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Bob Fee.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor John Pool officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Friday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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December 20, 2007, Thursday

Donald McLain

HUDSON — Donald R. McLain, 89, of Hudson died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at his home.

Mr. McLain was a farmer. He was a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church and Steuben County Farm Bureau Co-op. He was a lifetime resident of Steuben County.

He was born in Steuben County on June 1, 1918, to Clifford and Edna (Mortoff) McLain. Both preceded him in death. He married E. Josephine Burch on March 14, 1938, in Salem Center. She died on Oct. 15, 2002.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Pat McLain, and Steve McLain, all of Hudson; one daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Jeff Groosbeck of Hudson; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Cramer and Bea Ritter; one brother, James McLain; and a son, Gordon McLain.

There are no services. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Golda Hart

LAGRANGE — Golda I. Hart, 92, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

The lifetime LaGrange County resident was a homemaker, and a member of the Rebecca Lodge and the Pythian Sisters in LaGrange. She was a volunteer at Miller's Merry Manor, and was a past president and charter member of the Gray Lady's at LaGrange County Hospital and Vencor Hospital.

On Feb. 10, 1915, in LaGrange County, she was born to Charles and Retta (Fleck) Marchand. She married Fred W. Hart in Albion on Aug. 19, 1932. He preceded her in death on Oct. 31, 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Billman of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, James F. "Rick" and Linda Hart of Rome City; a granddaughter; a great-granddaughter; and a brother, Maynard Marchand of Sturgis, Mich.

In addition to her husband and her parents, a grandson, Fred A. Hart, preceded her in death on April 18, 1989.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be today from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 20, 2007, Thursday

Edna Lockwood

GOSHEN — Edna K. Boyer Lockwood, 97, of rural Goshen died at 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at her residence.

She was a U.S. Postal Service mail carrier for the Goshen Post Office for 20 years, and licensed pilot since 1947, having completed her last long-distance solo flight to Florida in 2005.

Known to many as the "Flying Grandma," she volunteered for World Missionary Press. She was a member of People's Bible Church in Benton where she played the organ and was a member of the Busy Bee Homemakers Club for more than 50 years.

On Nov. 15, 1910, in LaGrange County, she was born to Edward and Mary (Weaver) Kauffman. She married Clifford G. Boyer on March 7, 1929. He died on Aug. 6, 1976. She then married Orville Lockwood on Dec. 15, 1979. He died in 1985.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Peggy and Freeman Willits of South Milford, and Rosemond Hartzler and Doris and Dan T. Yoder, all of Goshen; a son and daughter-in-law, James H. and Janice Boyer of Nappanee; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Mary Kay and Leonard Ropp of Goshen; two stepsons and their spouses, Douglas and Janice Lockwood of Churubusco, and Paul and Brenda Lockwood of Syracuse; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Irene Kauffman of Middlebury, and Velma and Richard Nusbaum of Kendallville; 19 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and 13 stepgrandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her two husbands, were twin daughters Arlene and Irene Boyer; a son, Clifford Boyer Jr., two stepsons, Philip and Robert Lockwood; a stepgrandchild; two sisters, Sylvia Kropf and Orpha Eash; two brothers, Harley and David Kauffman; and her parents.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with the Rev. John Randolph of People's Bible Church and the Rev. Harold Mast, Mrs. Lockwood's nephew, officiating. Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

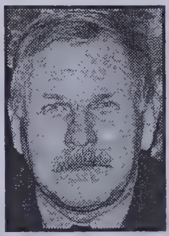
Memorials are to World Missionary Press.

Condolences may be sent online to: yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
December 20, 2007, Thursday

Services are Sunday for Gordy Yeager

TOPEKA — Gordon "Gordy" Yeager, well-known farmer and businessman, died suddenly at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, after suffering an apparent heart attack in his Topeka home Tuesday night.


Mr. Yeager

Mr. Yeager, 56, had been working for the past year to open his own funeral home, after working for several other funeral homes in this area for many years.

He was just a few short weeks away from seeing his dream come true. The Gordy Yeager Funeral Home, being built on S.R. 5 and U.S. 33 just south of U.S. 6 in Ligonier, is almost complete. Yeager had hoped to have it in operation by early January of next year, according to friends.

He was building that facility in conjunction with the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home of Syracuse.

Daniel Blevins, an employee of Mishler-Eastlund as well as a friend and business associate of Yeager, said the funeral home will be completed on schedule. "Gordy's dream will be realized," Blevins said Wednesday.

Mr. Yeager was born in Kendallville on Sept. 28, 1951. His parents were Herman and Alice (Johnson) Yeager.

He was a lifetime resident of Noble County, and a graduate of West Noble in 1969. Upon graduation and until 1974, he was successful in owning his own business, Ligonier Sanitation, as well as farming.

He served on the Ligonier Fire Department for 12 years and drove a bus for the West Noble School Corp. for 20 years. He was an active member of the Ligonier Elks Lodge, serving in all chair positions and achieving the Exalted Ruler status in 1999. He was also an accomplished pilot, receiving his private rating in 1981 and his IFR rating in 1996.

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Survivors include one son, Christopher L. Yeager of Sturgis, Mich., and his life partner, Ruthann Richards of Topeka.

Other survivors include a sister: Eileen (James) Gingerich of Syracuse; a brother, Roger (Judy) Yeager of Baltimore, Md.; and two grandchildren, Brooke and Conner, both of Sturgis. Additional loving family members include Mike (Laure) Cunningham of Topeka; Kim Cunningham of California; Dawn (David) Irmshcher of Fort Wayne; Justin, Jarod, and Jenna Cunningham, all of Topeka; Heather Fausnaugh of California; and Ryan Fausnaugh of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Yeager was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Julia Ann Riddle.

Funeral services will be Sunday, December 23, 2007 at 2 p.m. at Stones Hill Community Church, 151 W Stones Hill Road, Ligonier. Officiating will be pastors Harold Gingerich and Joey Nelson.

Visitation is Friday, December 21, from 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, December 22 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., at West Noble Middle School, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Wawaka Alumni Foundation or Perry and Elkhart Township 4-H Clubs.

The Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel in Syracuse is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com

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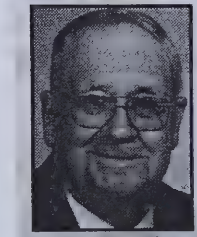
Ralph Stiffner



Mr. Stiffner

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph Wilson Stiffner, 89, of Kendallville died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Stiffner was a lifetime Orange Township farmer. He also drove a school bus for Rome City Schools.

He joined the United States Army and served his country until 1943. He married Martha Lucille Stillinger on March 4, 1944, at Wawaka United Methodist Church. She survives in Kendallville. In 1960 he was honored as a 60-year member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion.

He was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church in Brimfield. He liked to tend to his garden and take care of his yard. He also enjoyed reading, especially keeping up to date on current events and politics.

Hew was born near Wawaka on Dec. 1, 1918, to Clyde Charles and Cora (Weaver) Stiffner, who are both deceased.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Carolyn and Clayton Morr of Wawaka and Alice Stiffner of Albion; four grandchildren and their spouses, Christine and Ric Jordan of Wawaka, Carol and Mike Selby of Albion, Jennifer and Wayne Diehm Jr. of Kendallville and Joel Streich of Wawaka; eight great-grandchildren, Jacquelyn and Kory Walkup of Avilla, Kimberely, Olivia, Wayne III and Clayton Diehm, all of Kendallville, and Anna and Mikey Selby of Albion; one niece, Donna Hefty of Rome City; and two nephews, John Sturgis of Kendallville and Ron Sturgis of Sturgis, Mich.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn Grate.

Services were Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville with the Rev. Omer Nisley and Rev. Michael Neff officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Pallbearers were Wayne Diehm Jr., Jeff Hosted, Steve Jeffries, Ric Jordan, Steve Kirkpatrick, Mike Selby and Joel Streich.

Send condolences or view a video tribute atwww.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 21, 2007, Friday

Edwin Harting

SYRACUSE — Edwin D. Harting, 72, of Syracuse died at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

He had lived in Goshen for 42 years having moved from Huntington and Wolk Lake.

Mr. Harting was a barber since 1953 and owner of Ed's Village Barber Shop since 1965. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Cromwell, a charter member and past president of Stones Trace Regulators Muzzel-loading Rifle Club, and a member of Masonic Lodge 714 in Cromwell.

On Aug. 19, 1935, in Noble Township, he was born to Owen C. and Virginia (Stewart) Harting. He married Myrna Harper on Aug. 21, 1959. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Craig Ladwig, Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Olivia Harting, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Matthew, Timothy and Elizabeth Ladwig.

A sister, Nancy L. Hauser, and his parents preceded him in death.

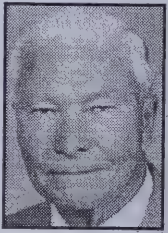
Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with Sister Elsie Fregeau and the Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is today from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Care at Home Hospice Program of Goshen General Hospital or donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mischlerfuneralhomes.com.

John Sherck


Mr. Sherck

WATERLOO — John C. Sherck, 82, of Waterloo, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Sherck was a lifetime farmer and also worked for 30 years at Dana Corp. in Auburn until retiring in 1987.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

He was born May 23, 1925, in Auburn to Calvin and Cora (Street) Sherck. They preceded him in death.

He married Wilma Humbert on Sept. 27, 1947, in Albion, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Tammy Sherck of Waterloo; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vicki and Kim Eberly of Waterloo, Karen and Dave Fretz of Greenfield and Christine Sherck of Angola; six grandchildren and their spouses, Rachel and Matt Whitaker, Zackary and Liz Fretz, Tyler Sherck, Beth and Tim Becker, Lisa Makovicka and Jonathan and Yuko Graham; and three great-grandchildren, Baleigh Makovicka, Colby Becker and Nikala Graham.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dwight, four sisters, Lavon Zook, Ruth Dickenson, Lorraine Wilmont and Daisy Hook, and four grandchildren, Brandon, Kalab and Jordanne Sherck and Jennifer Fretz.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Steve Evans officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to RISE Inc. or Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Mabel Bontrager

GOSHEN — Mabel A. Bontrager, 90, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury, died at 6:17 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

She was born on March 19, 1917.

Services are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

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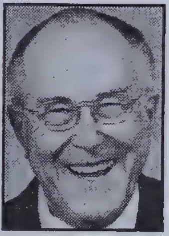
John Dodds

MIDDLEBURY — John F. Dodds, 86, of Middlebury died at 3:40 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at Greencroft Nursing Center, Goshen.

He worked for 26 years for Xerox Corporation as a hospitality administrator in Reston, Va., before retiring in 1986.


Mr. Dodds

Mr. Dodds was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran, serving from 1942 to 1948 as a supply care officer. He was a lieutenant when he was discharged. He graduated from Michigan State College in 1942, and attended Pleasant Ridge Missionary Church, Goshen.

On Jan. 7, 1921, in Buffalo, N.Y., he was born to Thomas M. and Adelaide (Geromette) Dodds. He married Mary Ellen Good on May 29, 1948, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Steve and Fatima Dodds of South Africa, Brian and Linda Dodds of Colorado, and Scott Dodds of Virginia; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with Rev. William Greenhood officiating. Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Wilma Smith

FORT WAYNE — Wilma I. Smith, 75, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of V.F.W. Post 857 Auxiliary, DAV 19 Auxiliary, American Legion Post 381 Auxiliary and La Femme Cabane Voyager No. 37.

Survivors include her husband, William L. Smith, Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Dana and Tom Bowman, Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Janis Belcher, West Palm Beach, Fla., and Roger and Patty Meschberger, Auburn; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Theresa Kruger, Garrett.

Her first husband, Gilbert Belcher, and her second husband, Clarence Meschberger, preceded her in death.

Services were held at 11 a.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Kathleen Haller officiating. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Make A Wish.

George Mansfield

LAKE PLACID, Fla. — George Leroy Mansfield, 78, of Lake Placid, Fla., and formerly of Butler, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007.

Mr. Mansfield

Mr. Mansfield worked for Rieke Corp. of Auburn for 28 years and later started the Mansfield Auction House. After retiring in 1997, he moved to Lake Placid.

He was born March 21, 1929, in Ligonier to Martin and Laura (Wiseman) Mansfield. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruby Bender on Jan. 22, 1956. He married his second wife, Matilda Louise Hawkins, on July 2, 1975. She survives in Lake Placid.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Calvin and Eula Mansfield of Auburn; a sister, Dorthy Stevenson of Butler; a son, Ricky Lee of Butler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cynthia and George Carper of Auburn and Sandi Kreisher of Auburn; five grandchildren and their spouses, Tracy and Jason Dohm of Auburn, Kristan and Robert Aborn of Avilla, Jacob Mansfield of Butler, Ariel Minnix Hill of Garrett and Tesia Kreisher of Auburn; and seven great-grandchildren, Kheagun Fleckenstein, Korbin Fleckenstein, Kameron Aborn, Ross Dohm, Landon Aborn, Haylee Hill and Damien Hill.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Boyd, Henry and William, and two sisters, Ruth Sonner and Beatrice Carr.

Funeral services are pending.

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Jean Van Aman

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Jean Van Aman, 58, of Moriarty, N.M., formerly of Angola, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007, in Albuquerque, N.M.

Van Aman was a Head Start teacher in Moriarty, N.M. and an award-winning sports and freelance writer for several local newspapers. Her family lived and owned businesses in Angola. She worked at the nature center at Pokagon State Park for some time.

Mrs. Van Aman

She graduated from Angola High School in 1967, and from Western Michigan University with degrees in sociology, religion and environmental studies.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Chancey; children Tom, Shane and Erin Murphy; and her sister, Linda Van Aman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Julianna Van Aman.

A private memorial service will be at the home today at 3 p.m. in Moriarty. Many friends in the Angola area are lighting a candle in her honor at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to donations to charities and non-profit organizations working to protect the environment, research women's cancer issues and promote peace and spiritual awareness now and in the generations to come, and to Pokagon State Park, in memory of Jean Van Aman.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct a reporter's errors.*

Donald McLain

HUDSON — Donald R. McLain, 89, of Hudson died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at his home.

Mr. McLain was a farmer.

He was a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church and Steuben County Farm Bureau Co-op. He was a lifetime resident of Steuben County.

He was born in Steuben County on June 1, 1918, to Clifford and Edna (Mortorff) McLain. Both preceded him in death. He married E. Josephine Burch on March 14, 1938, in Salem Center. She died on Oct. 15, 2002.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Pat McLain, and Steve McLain, all of Hudson; one daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Jeff Groosbeck of Hudson; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Cramer and Bea Ritter; one brother, James McLain; and a son, Gordon McLain.

There are no services. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net

Michael Fidler Jr.

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Michael G. Fidler Jr., 32, of Montpelier, Ohio, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Fidler worked as a quality engineer at Metaldyne.

He graduated from North Central High School in Pioneer, Ohio, in 1993. He attended Tri-State University, graduating in 1998 with a degree in business and management. He played in softball leagues in the summer for the Lima Legion and Montpelier Eagles in Ohio, playing in more than 200 games this past summer.

He was born Jan. 2, 1975, in Morenci, Mich., to Michael Fidler Sr. and Laura McLouth. Both survive. He married Tabatha Brewster on May 1, 1999, in Pioneer. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brenden M. Fidler of Montpelier; father and stepmother, Michael and Carol Fidler of Hillsdale, Mich.; mother and stepfather, Laura and Scot Burcham of Pioneer; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Joe and Kristin Fidler, and Ryan Stuck, all of West Jefferson, Ohio, and Chris and Doonie Fidler of West Unity, Ohio; a sister, Andrea Fidler of Hillsdale, Mich.; and paternal grandmother, Norma Fidler of Waldron, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, James L. Fidler and Fauril McLouth; and his maternal grandmother, Genevieve McLouth.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the North Central High School gymnasium, with the Rev. Nelson Rupp officiating. Burial will be in Teeters Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Thompson Funeral Home in Pioneer.

Memorials are to the family.

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Fred Fritz

KENDALLVILLE — Fred E. Fritz, 89, of Kendallville and formerly a longtime resident of Edgerton, Ohio, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at Kendallville Manor in Kendallville, where he was a resident.

Mr. Fritz

Mr. Fritz was formerly a lineman for Toledo Edison and then became the light and water superintendent for the Village of Edgerton, retiring in 1980 with 24 years of service.

He was veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy, and was a life member of John D. Smith Post 10 of the American Legion in Edgerton, Ohio. He was also a member of the Edgerton Masonic Lodge 357 and Wolcottville First Baptist Church.

He was born May 17, 1918, in Farmer Township of Defiance County, Ohio, the son of Fred E. and Inez L. (Beattie) Fritz.

He married Flossie M. Deal on Jan. 18, 1941, in Edgerton, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patricia and Ashford Smith of LaGrange, Lynette and Ron Davis, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Karen Louise Fritz of Kendallville; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and one sister, Myra Mowry of Bonita Springs, Fla.

He was preceded in death by five sisters and two brothers.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Keith Perry officiating. Burila will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, with graveside military rites by John D. Smith Post 10 of the American Legion.

Callling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association or the Wolcottville First Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Tina Hagenbuch

COMSTOCK, Mich. — Tina (Anderson) Hagenbuch, 42, of Comstock, Mich., died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007.

Mrs. Hagenbuch

Mrs. Hagenbuch was employed as an administrative assistant by Comstock Township, Mich. She was a translator for deaf children.

A 1983 graduate of Angola High School, she was involved in pom-poms in high school.

She was born April 6, 1965, in Angola to David Price, who preceded her in death. She married Jeff Hagenbuch in Jamaica on April 8, 2006. He survives in Kalamazoo.

Also surviving are her children, Skye Mercer of Portage, Mich., Tylar N. Mercer of Comstock, Mich., and newborn triplets, Teegan Blade Hagenbuch, Trinity Parker Hagenbuch and Rowan Rylee Hagenbuch; mother and stepfather, Carolyn and James Anderson of Venice, Fla.; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Stacey L. Anderson and Jennifer K. and Troy Book; one half brother; one half sister; grandmothers Ada Depew of Waterloo and Frieda Price of Kalamazoo, Mich.; stepgrandmother Genevieve Gordon of Venice; mother-in-law Shirley Clothier and her husband Ed of Marshall, Mich.; father-in-law Gerald Hagenbuch and his wife Yvonne of Three Rivers, Mich.; two sisters-in-law, Laurie Hagenbuch and Debbie and Tony Ruden; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her biological father, David Price, and great-grandmother, Mable Strayer.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Comstock Chapel, Comstock, Mich. The family has requested that all those in attendance wear colorful clothing to celebrate her love for color. Cremation will follow calling.

Memorials are to the Tina M. Hagenbuch Memorial Fund, care of Consumers Credit Union or to the Hagenbuch-Anderson Premie Triplets Trust Fund at First Federal Savings. Checks should be payable to Jeffrey Hagenbuch.

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Murder trial set for Jan. 21

BOB BRALEY

Lionel Cox Jr., right, waits for an elevator on his way to his hearing for a felony murder charge in Noble Superior Court I this morning. Cox's trial has been set for Jan. 21-25, 2008.

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BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A jury will decide the fate of a Waterloo man charged with murder in Noble Superior Court I.

A weeklong trial was set in the case of Lionel Cox, Jr., 22, this morning after an informal court proceeding. Cox is charged with felony murder and four other felony offenses relating to the March 5 strangulation death of Patrick Biddle of Kendallville.

Cox's trial will take place Jan. 21-25, Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said this morning.

Superior Court I Judge Robert Kirsch has ordered that 200 jurors be called for the case, Clouse said. A final pretrial conference that had been set for today was postponed until Jan. 11.

Murder is the only charge under Indiana law that does not carry a Class A, B C or D designation. Felony murder means that a prosecutor can seek either life in prison without the possibility of parole or the death penalty as possible sentences.

Without the felony murder designation, the murder charge would have a sentence of 45-65 years and a fine of up to $10,000.

Cox is also charged with burglary, a Class B felony, and three Class D felonies — confinement, theft and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle — in this case.

A Class B felony carries a sentencing range of six to 20 years. A Class D felony's sentencing range is six months to three years. Each carries a fine of up to $10,000.

Cox's alleged co-conspirator, Charles William Chorpenning, pleaded guilty Dec. 4 in Noble Superior Court I to murder, a felony; burglary, a Class B felony; and five Class D felonies — theft and auto theft in the Biddle case, an unrelated charge of intimidation, and separate charges of auto theft and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle from a third case.

The plea agreement calls for Chorpenning, 28, of Waterloo and formerly of Kendallville and Auburn, to serve a sentence of 47-107 years in prison, with the length of the sentence to be argued by attorneys at his sentencing hearing on March 4, 2008.

A term of Chorpenning's plea agreement calls for him to testify truthfully in the case against Cox.

Viola Aldrich

HOWE — Viola Aldrich, 96, of Punta Gorda, Fla., and formerly of Howe died Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at Charlotte Regional Medical Center in Punta Gorda, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Geraldine Tingley

WATERLOO — Geraldine Tingley, 81, of Waterloo died Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at her home in Waterloo.

Mrs. Tingley worked for many years at Crane-Edmond in Butler, Essex in Auburn and Therma Tru in Butler.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, Ashley Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 229 and Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary.

She was a past member of Indiana Realtors Association and the Auburn Business and Professional Women.

She served on the Waterloo Plan Commission and also worked the polls on Election Day for many years.

She was born Oct. 4, 1926, to John and Dora (Dillion) Green in Summerford, Ohio.

She married Gerald Everett Tingley on June 11, 1946, in Greenup, Ky. He preceded her in death on Dec. 27, 1986.

Surviving are two daughters, Jennifer Tingley of Waterloo and Sue Trausch of Edon, Ohio; a sister, Patty Miller of Waterloo; a special grandson, Jeremy Miller of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Bonnie Green, Charlotte Donat, Shirley Willis and Katherine Cramer.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens, New Carlisle, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Haylee Tatum

CROMWELL — Haylee B. Tatum, a newborn, of Cromwell died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 2, 2007, to Jonathan Martin and Dominique L. Tatum of Cromwell.

Surviving are her parents; two grandmothers, Margaret Jefferson of Pierceton and Lynn Miller of Cromwell; a grandfather, Eddie Jefferson of Cromwell; an aunt, Angela Tatum of Pierceton; and four uncles, Eddie Jefferson Jr. of Pierceton and Doug Martin, Joe Warden and Robert Warden, all of Cromwell.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Margaret and James Tatum; and a great-great grandmother, Catherine Jefferson.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Father Larry Kramer of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church officiating.

Memorials may be directed in Haylee's name to the March of Dimes. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Jerry Melchi

FORT WAYNE — Jerry Lee Melchi, 55, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Fremont, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2007, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 10, 1952, to Jesse and Mary Jane (Thursh) Melchi in Angola. They preceded him in death.

He married Lorraine Melchi. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are four sons, Chad and Jason Melchi, both of Indianapolis, Jesse Melchi of Angola and Nathan Melchi of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; five sisters, Judy Miller and Karma Dolson, both of Coldwater, Mich., Berdina Day of Fremont, Ginney DuBois of Hillsdale, Mich., and Joan Brown of Orland.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas "Big T" Melchi, and two sisters, Janet Brown and Shirley Graham.

A family gathering will take place from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Siler Funeral Service, 8632 U.S. 27, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be sent to the family.

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Rosellen Howe

AVILLA — Rosellen M. Howe, 85, of Hudson died at 3 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, 2007 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Howe

She was a homemaker and member of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church. She enjoyed following her grandchildren's sports, 4-H events and all activities.

She was born May 29, 1922, in Avilla to Linus and Ruby (Diehm) Fischer.

She married L. Russell "Bud" Howe on Aug. 30, 1941, in Avilla. He preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1989.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Maryellen and Floyd Johnson of LaOtto, Marlene and Paul Carper of Wolcottville, Martha Howe of Albion and Deb and Randy Simon of Wolcottville; four sons and daughters-in-law, Duane and Beverly Howe of Stroh, Donald and Janet Howe of Wolcottville, Michael and Kelly Howe of LaGrange and Mark and Lisa Howe of Wolcottville; 20 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Retha and Jim Remke of Avilla and Carolyn Miller of Kendallville; two brothers and their wives, Dale and Agatha Fischer of Avilla and Francis and Susie Fischer of Avilla; a brother-in-law, Les Teders; and a sister-in-law, Rasellma Helmkamp.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Marion Louise Howe; one granddaughter; one grandson; one great-grandson; and two sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church at Big long Lake, Hudson, with Father Jim Rose and Father. Charles "Chuck" Herman officiating. Burial will be at Wright Cemetery, Hudson.

Pallbearers will be Rod, Russ, Roy, Ryan and Roger Howe, Arthur John Johnson, Josh Howe, Taylor Grubb, Travis Grubb, and Matthew Howe. Honorary pallbearers will be Cari Book, Cheri Bovee, Rhonda Rathburn, Robin Byler, Julieanne Talley, Lindsay Smith, Sage Howe, Sammy Jo Simon, Molly Simon and Lilli Howe.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday with Rosary recited at 4:30 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church and St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Leigh Blatter

COLDWATER, Mich. — Leigh C. Blatter, 55, of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at her residence.

She was a U.S. Navy veteran and a retired correctional officer.

She graduated from Quincy High School, Quincy, Mich., and was the founding member of the Wandering Waters Indian Tribe.

Mrs. Blatter

She volunteered at Coldwater Senior Center and enjoyed doing crafts and crocheting.

She was born Dec. 30, 1951, to Ted and Iris (Kirby) Blatter. They survive.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Wes Burt of Montpelier, Ohio; two sons, Ted Blatter and Tony Frazier, both of Coldwater; four grandchildren, Nate, Gavin, MaKenzie and William; one sister, Lynn Blatter of Coldwater; and one brother and sister-in-law, Allen and Cookie Blatter of Homer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be at California Cemetery, Montgomery, in Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Burnside Senior Center, Coldwater, Mich.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Thelma Andrews

DECATUR — Thelma M. Andrews, 94, of Decatur died Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at Adams Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Andrews

Mrs. Andrews was employed as a cook for the former Fairway and then for The West End Restaurant, from which she retired. She was also a life-long homemaker.

She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, The Rosary Society, The Women of St. Mary's, The Catholic Ladies of Columbia, Harvest House and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

She was born Oct. 28, 1913, to Adolph J. and Dora C. (Gauck) Cook in Covington, Ky.

She married Robert C. Andrews on Sept. 23, 1939. He preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald R. and Linda Andrews of Decatur and Steven J. Andrews of Pensacola, Fla.; four daughters and sons-in-law, Angela A. and Alvin Rauch, Karen J. and Max Bressler and Gretchen C. Summers, all of Decatur, and Sandra R. and Tim Hoehn of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert W. Cook of Decatur; 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, two brothers, and a great-granddaughter, Ellie Bressler, on Sept. 7, 2006.

A prayer service will be at 9 a.m. Monday at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, with Father David Voors officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Decatur.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic School, Masses or Adams County Home Health.

Condolences may be sent online to www.haggardand-sefton.com.

Mabel Bontrager

GOSHEN — Mabel A. Bontrager, 90, of Goshen and formerly of Middelbury died at 6:17 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at Goshen Hospital, Goshen, where she was admitted Tuesday.

Mrs. Bontrager

Mrs. Bontrager was a homemaker. She was also bookkeeper at Middlebury Creamery for 10 years.

She was a member of Forks Mennonite Church, Middlebury, and was the church representative to the Mennonite Aide Association for 22 years and a life-long member of the W.M.S.C.

She attended Goshen College and Elkhart Business School.

She was born March 19, 1917, in LaGrange County to Alvin and Fannie (Miller) Frey.

She married Perry J. Bontrager on Nov. 22, 1947, in Middlebury. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1987.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Chuck Owens of Middlebury and Ruth and Bruce Sellers of Goshen; a son, P. Jay Bontrager of Goshen; five grandchildren, one great-grandson; and a sister, Phyllis Frey of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Alta Whitehead, Ella Lantz, Mary Stahley and Fern Miller, and four brothers, Floyd, Harry, Albert and Rollin Frey.

A private family graveside service will be held prior to an 11 a.m. Monday memorial service at Forks Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Rev. Eldon Stoltzfus and the Rev. Eugene Bontrager officiating.

Burial will be at Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Pallbearers will be Bryan Bontrager, Eric Bontrager, Geoffrey Owens, Hannah Sellers, Julie Roth, Chuck Owens, Bruce Sellers, Bob Roth and Jabin Burnworth.

Calling will be from noon-6 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials may be made to Forks Mennonite Church, Middlebury.

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Woodcock's legacy etched in stone

BY FRED J. WOOLEY
Park Interpreter, Pokagon State Park

CORUNNA — On Nov. 10, Pokagon State Park lost a very good friend when Roger Woodcock of Corunna passed away.

Roger was a good friend to many. Rarely did you see Roger when he did not have a smile on his face. He loved people and he loved telling a story. His favorite stories were those of history. Roger lived a life rich with many experiences. He lived a good life and spread goodness with all he met.

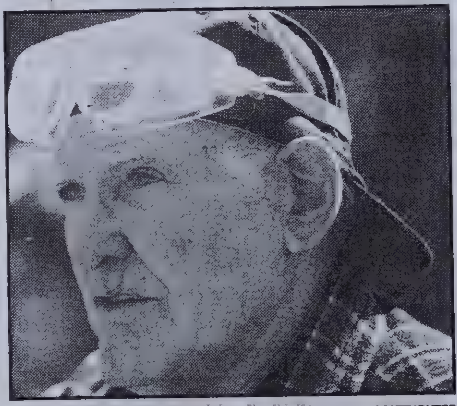
Roger was from Avilla, where he graduated from high school in 1936. From there he entered a most significant portion of his life that he would later say made him the man he became and provided him with wonderful friends and interests that he held dear for a lifetime. Graduating in the heart of the Great Depression, Roger enrolled into the then three-year old government program, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). He was stationed at Pokagon State Park with Company 556, where he would remain until the spring of 1939. His main job was a stone mason and he learned a craft that became his calling card later in life.

From the CCC he moved into the U.S. Army, and he served in World War II and post-World War II from 1942 until 1946. He was awarded the Western Pacific Presidential Citation, the U.S. Bronze Star and the Philippine Government Star.

Following the Army he worked as a railroad conductor for the B&0 and CSX railroads for 36 years. Upon retirement in 1976, he pursued other interests that grew from seeds planted during his Pokagon CCC years. He developed a great interest in flowers, fruit trees, native forest trees and other plants associated with the natural woodlands and meadowlands. From this interest he developed and became co-owner of the Fairfield Nursery in DeKalb County. He boasted of countless species of trees, shrubs and flowers planted on his farm.

As hard of worker as he was, he took time to play as well. He was active in the Future Farmers of America and would help lead fishing trips for young people into the northwoods.

He and his wife Laura, who survives, have four sons, Wade, Brian, Raymond



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Roger Woodcock of Corunna was a stone mason who worked on structures throughout northeastern Indiana.

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and Gary; and two daughters, Janice and Brenda. They all had to share their dad's interests and passions and one that stood out among all was the love of working with stones. Roger's skills as a stonemason are well documented by the number of stone structures he built throughout northeast Indiana. Of course, at Pokagon, there is the saddle barn, group camp dining room annex, and his beloved spring shelter that showcase some of his rock cutting and placing craftsmanship, but there are equally beautiful rock walls, fireplaces, chimneys and monuments scattered throughout the region.

Roger always joked that stone masons never signed their projects; in case they fell down, no one would know who did the work. He claimed all rock masons have a signature though, in the form of a special technique or type of stone used. His was the beautiful pudding stone. Pudding stone is a conglomerate with an off-white base and pebbles of red and brown jasper and other silicate pieces. Look at any monument or fireplace built by Roger at the park, or elsewhere, and you will find a piece of puddingstone front and center.

In the mid-1950s Roger organized the first reunion of CCC Co. 556 at Pokagon State Park. The park's main beach shelter became the venue for that gathering and for the next 50 years, Roger shepherded a committee, maintained a mailing list, sent out a newsletter and conducted a reunion on the last Sunday in July. It became the longest running reunion of CCC vets, for a particular company, in the country. So popular was it and the CCC history of Pokagon, in the mid 1980's the main beach shelter was renamed the CCC Shelter and in 1992 was named to the National Register of Historic Places.

As the 50th reunion approached, the men were getting up there in years and the venue for the reunion was moved to the nature center where parking and air conditioning make it a little more convenient. In recent years, the park has assumed the organizing of the day and refers to it as a CCC Open House-Reunion, inviting not only remaining veterans; but also family members and anyone from the general public who have an interest in this significant part of our country and park's heritage.

Roger returned to the park on many other occasions. During the years that Fallfest was held at Pokagon, Roger would have a station where he would demonstrate rock cutting. Anyone willing and able was invited to come up and take a swing or two on a rock. Many walked away with a chunk of stone, autographed by Roger. Everyone walked away with a few stories of what life was like in the park in the 1930s.

When Fallfest moved to Angola, Roger would still come to Pokagon from time to time to do stonecutting programs and presentations covering park history. It was not all programs either. When we had an issue with a rock wall repair, small monument needed, Roger Woodcock was the go-to guy. He came back several times and continued contributing to our facilities. When the park reconstructed a CCC-built, 1940 inn cabin in 1999, Roger returned and showed the park crew how to select, cut and mortar stones for the foundation.

Roger was a spirited individual, always quick with a smile, a one liner, and self-deprecating humor. Those who knew him well will quote Roger's quips and sayings. Roger was a proud man. Proud of his family and friends, proud of his service to our country, proud of his time in the Civilian Conservation Corps, past and present, proud of his activities with youth, and proud of his contributions to Pokagon State Park. It was an honor to know Roger Woodcock.

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Mary Hawk

LIGONIER — Mary E. Hawk, 89, formerly of Ligonier died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, in Elkhart where she had lived with her daughter for two years.

Mrs. Hawk

Mrs. Hawk was the first bookkeeper for the Noble County REMC. She was later a homemaker, and engaged in farming with her husband in York Township.

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel, and was a devoted wife and mother. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1935, and later graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She was born near Kimmell on May 3, 1918, to Orval and Marie (Piper) McLallin. She married Woodward J. "Woody" Hawk on May 17, 1941, in Merriam. He died on Dec. 17, 2001.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda McClanahan of Belleville, Ohio, and Patty Hawk of Elkhart; a brother and sister-in-law, Lewis and Genny McLallin of Kimmell; three grandchildren and two spouses, Sarah and Heyward Armstrong, and Emily and Nathan Funk, all of Raleigh, N.C., and Joshua McClanahan of LaBelle, Fla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Merriam Christian Chapel, with the Rev. Stephen Pulley officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be today from 3 to 8 p.m. at the church, and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the Merriam Christian Chapel.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

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Dorothy Martin

Mrs. Martin

AUBURN — Dorothy Alice (Webber) Martin, 88, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn following a long illness.

She was formerly a resident of Dunkirk. She enjoyed cooking, sewing and gardening. She retired in 1993 after working at McCord's Variety Store for 18 years.

She was born March 10, 1919, in Knox County, Tenn., the daughter of Letcher and Essie (Stanley) Webber. They preceded her in death.

On April 20, 1940, she married Thomas Edward Martin. He died Dec. 8, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters, Barbara J. Dollier of Auburn, Linda L. Fowler of Kokomo and Kathy S. Waller of Conroe, Texas; two sons, Thomas E. Martin of Auburn and David L. Martin of Berne; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Garden View Funeral Home, 10501 N. S.R. 3, Muncie. Pastor Dennis Trimble will officiate. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Muncie.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

To sign an online guest book and send condolences to the family, visit www.gardenviewandgardensofmemory.com.

Billy Moore

Mr. Moore

KENDALLVILLE — Billy D. Moore, 59, of Kendallville died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had lived in the Kendallville area for 23 years after moving from Kentucky.

Mr. Moore worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, and he and his wife had a shelter for the homeless and recovering addicts in Kendallville. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

On Aug. 27, 1948, he was born in Garrett, Ky. He married Judith L. Maloney Steele. She preceded him in death on March 1, 2003.

Surviving are a sister, Jeanette Sloan of Albion, Mich.; a brother, Jimmy Moore of Kentucky; and a close friend, Gloria Leslie of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Young Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and Joann Grepke officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Viola Aldrich

HOWE — Viola E. Aldrich, 96, of Punta Gorda, Fla., and formerly of Howe, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2007, at Charlotte Regional Medical Center, Punta Gorda.

In 2001 she moved to Florida after living most of her life in LaGrange County.

She was a homemaker and worked at the U.S. Post Office in Mongo. She was a member of the English Prairie Church of the Brethren in Howe, Arcadia Church of the Brethren in Arcadia, Fla., and East Springfield Ladies Aide of LaGrange.

On April 17, 1911, in LaGrange County, she was born to Ozias B. and Nettie (Eaton) Bollinger. They preceded her in death.

She married Ford R. Aldrich in LaGrange County on March 8, 1936. He preceded her in death on April 27, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Keith Hawver of Frostproof, Fla.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, George H. Aldrich of Ladson, S.C., and Bob and Joyce Aldrich, Deming, N.M.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, a special niece, Elva Abbs, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be from noon until the services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to English Prairie Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Stanley Fisher Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Stanley Russell Fisher Sr., 94, of Auburn and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Fisher was a lieutenant with the Allen County Police Department, serving for 34 years and retiring in 1973.

He was born Nov. 25, 1913, in Fort Wayne. He graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne in 1932. He served with the Army National Guard, based in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and a former member of St. John Fisher Catholic Church of Fort Wayne. He belonged to the St. Vincent DePaul Society and was a charter member of Our Lady of Good Hope.

He was a charter member of the St. Joseph Township Fire Department in Allen County. He belonged to the Plasterers and Cement Masons Local 101 and a member of the Three Rivers Gem & Minerals Society.

He also was a charter member of the original Polar Bear Club and was a member of CCC.

Surviving are two sons, Stanley R. Fisher Jr. of Pleasant Lake and Frank Fisher of Leo; three daughters, Vera Leon of Auburn, and Morene Krempl and Marilyn Thulin, both of of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Joan Fisher and Carol Terson, both of Hudson, Fla.; 26 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna (Rakozy), and four brothers, Dale, Frank, Robert and Marvin Fisher.

Robert Smith

CHURUBUSCO — Robert Dale "Bob" Smith, 53, of Churubusco died at 11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City. He had been in failing health for the past year.

Among survivors are a daughter, Chasidy Smith of Fort Wayne; his mother, Marlene (Killworth) Smith of Churubusco; a brother, Greg Smith of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Sherri and Daniel Moord of Fort Wayne; a niece; and two nephews.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsand-childs.net

Iona Moore

GOSHEN — Iona E. Moore, 88, of Goshen, formerly of Middlebury, died at 10:40 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, in Courtyard of Goshen, Goshen.

She was born Sept. 25, 1919.

Services are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Service will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home. 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the building fund of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

Inez Marsh

ALBION — Inez P. Marsh, 88, of Albion died at 7:10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at Northridge Village Nursing Home, Albion.

She was employed at Lyall Electric, retiring in 1983 with more than 20 years of service.

Mrs. Marsh was very active in her church., Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, where she was a member of the Rebekah's and the Martha Circle. She was also a member of RSVP at the Lamplighter in Kendallville, and enjoyed playing cards, and after retirement she enjoyed traveling.

On Feb. 14, 1919, she was born to Allie and Alice (Neill) Cleland in York Township in rural Noble County. She married Everett Marsh on July 27, 1940, in Gary. He preceded her in death on April 30, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Vicki Marsh, and Jack Marsh, all of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Doug Fought of Topeka; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Nancy Odier, preceded her in death on Nov. 27, 1978. Also preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were her parents, a grandchild, and two brothers, Robert and Dick Cleland.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Pallbearers will be Ryan Fought, Cory Franke, Wayne Clouse, Jack Owen, Steve Shull and Bill Emmert.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

Condolences may be sent online to brazzellfuneral-home.com.

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Michelle MoJica

KIMMELL — Michelle L. MoJica, 31, of Kimmell died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, from injuries she sustained in a vehicle accident on U.S. 33 in Ligonier.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, Albion.

Maydene Zumbrun

ALBION — Maydene Zumbrun, 97, of Albion died at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, Albion.

In Loving Memory of
Alisha R. New

We will always miss your smile and laughter that brought such joy to our hearts. Your memory will always be with us.
We love you and miss you!

Love, Mom, Bub and Kim

Kimmell woman killed in crash

BY JIM SHILANDER
jims@kpcnews.net

LIGONIER — A 31-year-old Kimmell woman was killed when the car she was driving left the roadway and struck a tree on U.S. 33 near the intersection of C.R. 725W in western Noble County Saturday night.

Michelle L. Mojica was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office.

A passenger in her vehicle, Jorge Martinez, 30, of Kimmell was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was listed in stable condition with a broken pelvis, according to Noble County Sheriff's Department Deputy Shane Coney.

Coney said witnesses reported Mojica's vehicle, a 1995 Ford Taurus, was southbound on U.S. 33 when for some reason the Taurus gradually drifted off the road to the right and hit the tree.

The investigation into the crash is ongoing, Coney said. Investigators were hoping to speak to Martinez to get more information as to why the vehicle drifted.

Coney said Martinez was wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash. Mojica was not properly restrained.

The Taurus was totaled, Coney said.

In Loving Memory of
Geraldine Slone
April 30, 1943 - Dec. 8, 2002

We look forward to seeing you again one day, after awhile in Heaven.

Love,
Husband, Children & Grandchildren

In Loving Memory Of
Lois (Baker) Mekus

When the Lord called you home, He left a gift of memories in exchange. Remembering you always, especially at Christmas.

Love and miss you,
Your Husband,
Children &
Grandchildren

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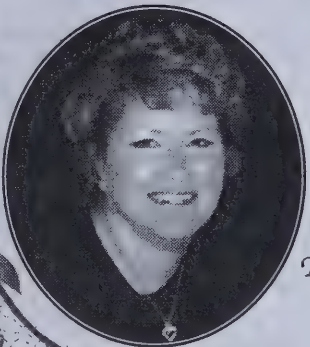
In loving memory
of Anne Likens



Those we have held
in our arms for a
little while, we hold
in our hearts forever.
Love,
The Family of Anne Likens

In Loving
Memory of
C. William Aumsbaugh

Love,
Wife, Children,
Grandchildren and
Great-Grandchildren

Zana Ruth Goodhew

May 27, 1908 - December 24, 2004

Dear Mother,

It has been 3 very long years since God took you home. We miss you terribly. Life is not the same without you, but was greatly enriched because of you.

Loving you forever,
Your Family

In Loving Memory of
Jack Stark

You are missed every
day and especially during
the holiday season.
Love, Helen, Becky,
Allen, Katrina
and Mark

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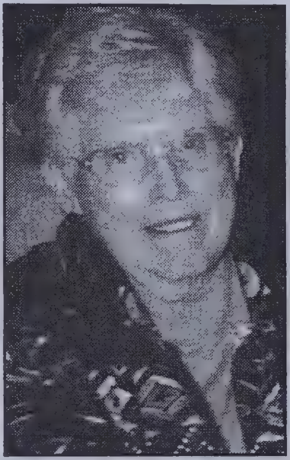
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALICE BANEY



The angels are rejoicing
with songs and poems.
We know your wonderful
smile is shining upon us.
Love, Your Family

MATTHEW W. TERRY

APRIL 16, 1985 - DECEMBER 24, 2001

The Lord has
promised to prepare
A place in heaven above -
A home where we
will always be
With Him and those we love.
See you soon, my Son.
Love,
Mom & Don

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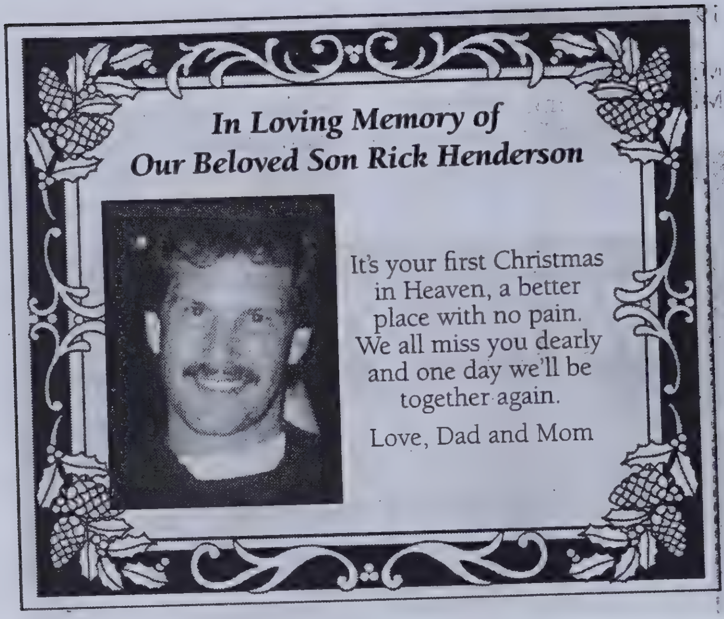
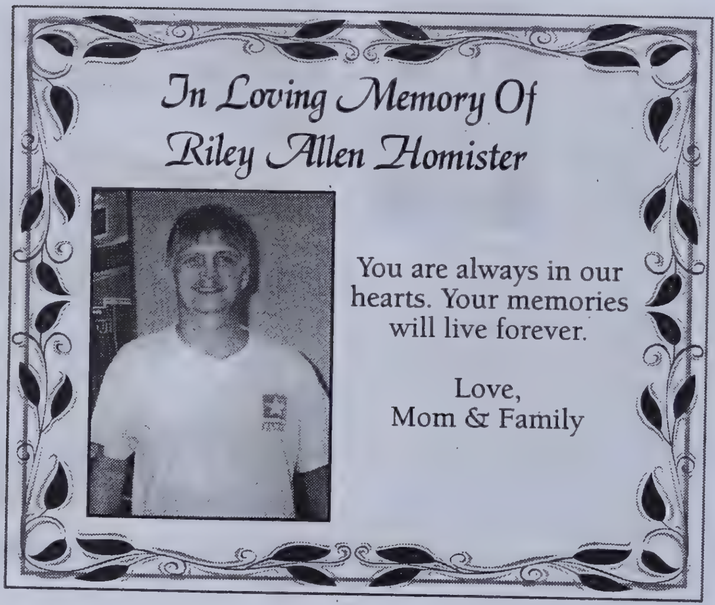


In Loving Memory of
Our Beloved Son Rick Henderson

It's your first Christmas
in Heaven, a better
place with no pain.
We all miss you dearly
and one day we'll be
together again.

Love, Dad and Mom



In Loving Memory Of
Riley Allen Homister

You are always in our
hearts. Your memories
will live forever.

Love,
Mom & Family

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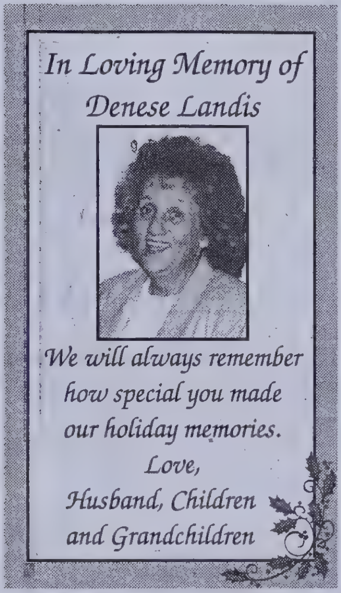
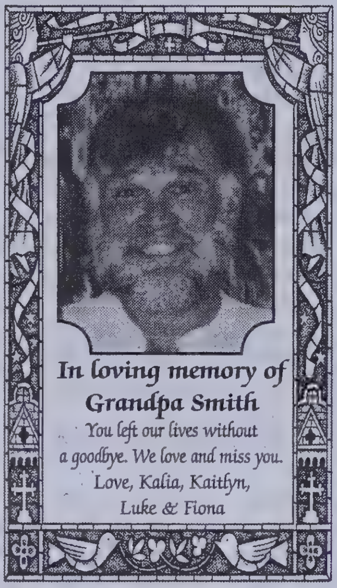
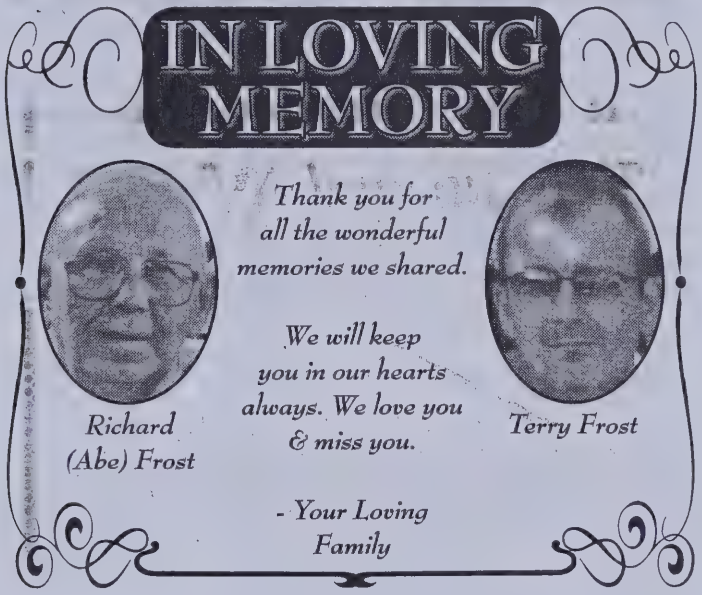


In Loving Memory of
Denese Landis

We will always remember
how special you made
our holiday memories.
Love,
Husband, Children
and Grandchildren



In loving memory of
Grandpa Smith
You left our lives without
a goodbye. We love and miss you.
Love, Kalia, Kaitlyn,
Luke & Fiona



IN LOVING
MEMORY

Thank you for
all the wonderful
memories we shared.

We will keep
you in our hearts
always. We love you
& miss you.

- Your Loving
Family

Richard
(Abe) Frost

Terry Frost

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Edward Bauman

WOLCOTTVILLE — Edward A. Bauman, 82, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at his home on Adams Lake in Wolcottville.

Born in Fort Wayne, he retired in 1988 from Zollner Corp. after 35 years.

He was a former member of St. Henry's Catholic Church where he was a member of the Holy Name Society.

He was also a member of Zollner Century Club, American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and Harvest House.

Mr. Bauman was a World War II Navy veteran. His life revolved around his children, grandchildren and the lake.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Joan Bauman; children, Cheryl and Jim Zuber of New Haven, Doug and Germaine Bauman of Shelby Township, Mich., Jim and Jo Bauman of Hoagland, John and Karen Bauman of Monroeville, Marilyn and Bill Derbyshire of Hixson, Tenn., and Julie and Brian Konger of Pittsboro; 23 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Virginia Beery of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Bauman; and a granddaughter, Carolyn Bauman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Gasper Catholic Church, 10871 N. S.R. 9, Rome City, with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with a Rosary at 4:45 p.m. Thursday and two hours prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials to the American Heart Association, ALS Association, Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Inc. or Masses.

Jeffery King

FORT WAYNE — Jeffery D. King, 46, died Thursday, Dec. 20 , 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he served four years in the U.S. Navy. He was employed as a machinist with Slater Steel and most recently received his degree as a licensed practical nurse.

He was a member of the NRA and an avid Notre Dame and Green Bay Packers football fan. He enjoyed the art of Bonsai trees and loved fishing, reading, puzzles and especially spending time with his children.

Surviving are his wife, Pamela King of Avilla; two daughters, Sarah King and Hailey King, both of Avilla; a son, Alexander King of Avilla; his parents, David and Patricia King, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Shawn Spindler of Fort Wayne; an aunt, Trudy King of Fort Wayne; his mother-in-law, Carolyn Gibbs of Topsfield, Mass.; two sisters-in-law, Diane Ryan of Boxford, Mass. and Linda Falco of Stewart, Fla.; several nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Kent Spindler, and father-in-law, Alfred Gibbs.

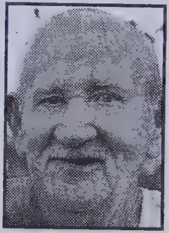
Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Ed Erpelding officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials to are to a college fund for his children, Cancer Services of Allen County or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

George Mansfield

BUTLER — A service celebrating the life of George Mansfield, 78, of Lake Placid, Fla., will be Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post in Butler. Pastor Glenn Hawkins will officiate.


Mr. Mansfield

Mr. Mansfield, formerly of Butler, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at Lake Placid Health Care Center.

He was born in Elkhart County to Martin and Laura Mansfield and had been a resident of Lake Placid since 1997, coming from Indiana.

He served his country in the U.S. Army and was an auctioneer, owning the Butler Auction House for 30 years. He was a Baptist.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Louise; his children, Cynthia Sue Carper, Ricky Lee Mansfield and Sandra Sue Kreshier; his stepchildren, Ron Lanning, Larry Lanning, Doyle Marr, Iris, Glenn Hawkins, Michael Hawkins and Beverly Underwood; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Stevenson; and a brother, Calvin Mansfield.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Sonner and Beatrice Harr, and three brothers, Henry, Boyd and Bill Mansfield.

Scott Funeral Home of Lake Placid, Fla., is handling arrangements.

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Sarah Walker

FORT WAYNE — Sarah "Sally" Walker, 81, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2007, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Walker was a homemaker and a Fort Wayne native.

She was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church and the Rosary Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Marcia L. Walker and Becky A. Colter, both of Fort Wayne; four sons, Gary E. Walker of Fort Wayne, Gregory and Linda Walker of Roanoke, Bruce and Melissa Walker of South Bend, and Randy and Pam Walker of Roanoke; grandchildren and their spouses, Calvin and Liz Colter, Amanda Walker, Melissa Colter, Megan Colter, Evan Walker, Teresa Gorski, Geoff Gorski, Gerry Gorski and Jennifer Gorski; great-grandchildren, Natalie, Colton, Chase and Gavin; three sisters, Ida Mae Gerdemann of Columbus, Ohio, and Rosemary Peterink and Betty J. Norton, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister-in-law, Rosemary Murray of Angola.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 W. State Blvd., with Father Gary Sigler officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with a rosary at 1 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Jude Hospital or Ronald McDonald House.

Robert Smith

Mr. Smith

CHURUBUSCO — Robert Dale "Bob" Smith, 53, of Churubusco died at 11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City where he had been a resident since June. He had been seriously ill for more than a year.

Mr. Smith had been employed as a groundskeeper at Cobblestone golf course in Kendallville for four years.

He lived in Green Township as a youth and was educated in the Smith-Green Community Schools. He had lived in Churubusco since 1967.

Mr. Smith enjoyed hunting, bowhunting and muzzle loading.

He was born Jan. 5, 1954, in Columbia City to Dale and Marlene (Killworth) Smith. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Churubusco.

Also surviving are a daughter, Chasidy Smith of Fort Wayne; a brother, Greg Smith of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Sherri and Daniel Moord of Fort Wayne; a niece; and two nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with his uncle, Ken Killworth, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be after noon Thursday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Whitley County Unit, P.O. Box 636, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Richard Hageman

Mr. Hageman

FORT WAYNE — Richard J. Hageman, 83, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at his Fort Wayne home. Mr. Hageman had previously resided at Adams Lake at Wolcottville and for the past 14 years had lived in Port Charlotte, Fla.

He had been self-employed for 40 years working with ceramic tile.

Mr. Hageman was a life member of the Knights of Columbus and also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of San Pedro Catholic Church in North Port, Fla.

He was a Navy veteran.

He was born Feb. 10, 1924, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Wanda M. Hageman of Fort Wayne; three children and their spouses, Richard and Cheryl Hageman of Milton, Tenn., Linda and Tim Bell of Englewood, Fla., and James and Joyce Hageman of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Lois Hageman of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sylvia Wiles.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Funeral Home.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. Friday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with a rosary at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials are Masses.

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Walter Henricks

MONGO — Walter W. "Mike" Henricks, 77, of Mongo died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Henricks spent most of his life in LaGrange County.

He spent 16 years as a special deputy and five years as a chief deputy for the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department. He retired from the sheriff's department.

He had also been a self-employed radio, television and appliance technician and a commerce communications (P1) technician. He served on the survey team for the Indiana Toll Road while attending college and later as one of the team's data process technicians.

Mr. Henricks began his military activities at age 13 with the South Carolina State Guard. He then graduated from Lima High School in 1949 and enlisted in the United States Air Force and became a communications specialist. During his military career he received 23 citations including the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts. He also served in the United States Naval Reserve for 12 years.

He graduated from Purdue University and later devoted many years to theological studies and was ordained in 1990 and completed theological-philosophy studies at Columbia College for his Ph.D. honors.

Mr. Henricks was a member of the Howe Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years and served in several different offices with the fire department. He was a precinct committeeman and a member of the Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F.&A.M. of LaGrange. He was a three-time past master of the former Howe Masonic Lodge and a past master of the Orland Masonic Lodge.

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Valley Scottish Rite, the Knights of Templar and Mizpah Shrine. He was a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, a lifetime member of the Disabled War Vets, Orland American Legion Post 423, and the Captain John J. Kelley VFW Post 1355 in Sturgis, Mich. He was involved with the Anthony Wayne Boy Scouts for 52 years.

Mr. Henricks was born on June 12, 1930, in Elkhart County to George W. and Minerva A. (Warner) Henricks. He married Dona Gene Parish in Howe on July 21, 1952. She survives in Mongo.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Gary Boals of Howe; two sons and a daughter-in-law, David W. Henricks of LaGrange and Michael and Jayne Henricks of Sturgis, Mich.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Sam Smith officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe, with the a military graveside service.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Howe Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Arthur Angus

KENDALLVILLE — Arthur Lloyd Angus, 74, of Kendallville died unexpectedly on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at his home in Kendallville.

Mr. Angus was employed for three years with Nelson Estates in Kendallville as a maintenance man and retired from Kunkle Valve out of Ashville, N.C.

He graduated from Grant High School in Grant, Mich., in 1951 and Hope College in Holland, Mich., in 1953. After graduating from college, he entered the United States Army and served his country in Germany.

Mr. Angus enjoyed reading and talking to people, and he loved animals.

He was born in Grant, Mich., on Aug. 16, 1933, to Frank Arthur and Icy Violet (Schull) Angus. He married Carol Elaine Bush on May 2, 1969, in Muskegon, Mich. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, Marc Angus of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and two grandsons, Alex and Eric Angus, both of Grand Rapids.

He was preceded in death by parents; a brother, Raymond Angus; and a sister, June Moyer.

There are no services or calling.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Judith Noll

Mrs. Noll

DECATUR — Judith E. Noll, 67, of Decatur died Monday, Dec. 24, 2007, at 12:55 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mrs. Noll retired from CTS in Berne with 33 years of service.

She was born Nov. 19, 1940, in Fort Wayne to George A. and Luella R. (Rhodes) Strock. They preceded her in death.

She married John M. Noll on June 17, 1972. He survives.

Also surviving are a sister, Brenda S. Haase of Auburn; a nephew and his wife, Christopher and Alisson Haase, and a niece and her husband, Dr. Tiffiny and Rich Simpson.

Services will be Friday at 6 p.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home at Decatur.

Calling will be Friday from 4-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Sign an online guestbook at www.zwickjahn.com.

Iona Moore

GOSHEN — Iona E. "Sis" Moore, 88, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury died at 10:40 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at Courtyard of Goshen in Goshen where she had been a resident the past 2 1/2 years.

Mrs. Moore

Mrs. Moore was a homemaker and had retired in 1985 from Syndicate Inc., which was formerly known as Keene Machine.

She had also been employed in several area restaurants including Eby Pine Restaurant in Bristol.

Mrs. Moore was a member of American Legion Auxiliary at Post 210 in Middlebury.

She was an avid bowler and enjoyed fishing, camping and mushroom hunting.

She was born Sept. 25, 1919, in Elkhart County to Noah and Lela (Rink) Eash. She married Gerald "Devon" Moore on Sept. 3, 1940. He died Dec. 21, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Vickie Moore of Middlebury; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gerald and Peg Moore of Howe, Ronnie Moore of Middlebury and Donnie and Cindy Moore of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty Nusbaum of Middlebury; and a brother, Forrest Eash of Middlebury.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, William, Sam, John and Ora Eash; and a sister, Mary Fackelman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Donald Chester officiating. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery at Elkhart. Pallbearers will be Randy Starr, Tony Moore, Don Moore Jr., Tracey Moore, Jim Eash and John Joy.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 210 in Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Fred Fritz

KENDALLVILLE — Services for Fred E. Fritz will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Keith Perry officiating.

Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, with graveside military rites conducted by John D. Smith Post No. 10 of the American Legion.

Calling will be tonight from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Mr. Fritz, 89, of Kendallville and formerly a longtime resident of Edgerton, Ohio, died Dec. 19, 2007, at Kendallville Manor in Kendallville, where he was a resident.

Memorials are to Hospice Care or the Wolcottville First Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Maydene Zumbrun

ALBION — Maydene Zumbrun, 97, of Albion died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn where she had resided for the past three years.

Mrs. Zumbrun

She was born March 3, 1910, in Elkhart County to Roy and Edith (Eldridge) Lohrei.

Mrs. Zumbrun was a homemaker. She and her husband lived on the family farm from 1945 until they moved to Laverna Terrace in Avilla where she lived for the next eight years. Mrs. Zumbrun was a member of Rehoboth Missionary Church in rural Albion.

She enjoyed sewing, crocheting and gardening.

She was born March 3, 1910, in Elkhart County to Roy and Edith (Eldridge) Lohrei. She married Obra V. Zumbrun on Nov. 2, 1929, at Blue River Church of the Brethren in Columbia City. He died April 24, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Jar Zumbrun of rural Albion; two daughters and sons-in-laws, Carolyn and Alan Critchfield o Fort Wayne and Kay and Charles Stanley of Whiteland; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Bert Lohrei and Roy Lohrei Jr.; a sister, Nina Fisel; and a grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion, with the Rev. Gerald Ringenberg of Rehoboth Missionary Church officiating. Burial will be in Rehoboth Cemetery in rural Albion. Mrs. Zumbrun's grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Rehoboth Missionary Church.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Herbert Freidenberger Jr.

BUTLER — Herbert A. Freidenberger Jr., 84, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Linda Pischke

SYRACUSE — Linda K. "Coy" Pischke, 46, of Syracuse died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at 1:47 p.m. in the critical care unit of Elkhart General Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Gordon L. "Gordy" Yeager, 56

KENDALLVILLE – Gordon L. "Gordy" Yeager, 56 of Topeka passed away of an apparent heart attack on December 18, 2007 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Gordon was born in Kendallville on September 28, 1951 to Herman and Alice (Johnson) Yeager.

He was a lifetime resident of Noble County, and a graduate of West Noble in 1969. Upon graduation until 1974, he was successful in owning his own business, Ligonier Sanitation, as well as farming.

He served on the Ligonier Fire Department for twelve years and drove bus for West Noble School Corporation for twenty years.

He was an active member of the Ligonier Elks Club, serving all chair positions and achieving the Exalted Ruler in 1999. He was also an accomplished pilot, receiving his private rating in 1981 and his IFR rating in 1996.

Gordy began his funeral home service career in 1974 when he joined Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. In 1983 he went to work for Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier and remained there until July of 2006. In January 2007, Gordy became a full-time member of the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, and also was the owner of the new Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier. He always aspired to meet the needs of his community and had a natural ability to connect with and console the bereaved.

Survivors include: one son Christopher L. Yeager of Sturgis MI,; life partner, Ruthann Richards of Topeka; one sister Eileen (James) Gingerich of Syracuse; one brother Roger (Judy) Yeager of Baltimore, MD; two grandchildren, Brooke and Conner both of Sturgis, MI and these additional loving family members: Mike (Laure) Cunningham of Topeka, Kim Cunningham of CA, Dawn (David) Irmshcher of Fort Wayne, Justin, Jarod and Jenna Cunningham all of Topeka, Heather Fausnaugh of CA and Ryan Fausnaugh of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Julia Ann Riddle.

Services were held Sunday, December 23, 2007 at the Stones Hill Community Church in Ligonier. Pastors Harold Gingerich and Joey Nelson officiated.

Burial took place at Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

For those who wish, memorials may me made to Wawaka Alumni Foundation or Perry and Elkhart Township 4H Club.

Eugene F. Erpelding, 71

AVILLA — Eugene F. Erpelding, 71, of Avilla died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He was an equipment repairman with Office Concepts, and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Surviving are three brothers, Father Edward Erpelding of Avilla, John P. Erpelding of Fort Wayne, and Joseph B. Erpelding and his wife, Margaret, of Craigville; two sisters, Sister M. Cecelia Marie Erpelding, O.S.F. of Mishawaka, and Marilyn R. McKee and her husband, Richard, of Fort Wayne; and a sister-in-law, Carol Oberholtzer-Erpelding of Cape Coral, Fla.

A brother, William R. Erpelding, preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial was at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with Father Edward Erpelding officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Queen of Angels Orga Fund.

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Linda Pischke

SYRACUSE — Linda Pischke, 46, of Syracuse died at 1:47 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, in the critical care unit of Elkhart General Hospital.

She was employed by Dollar General Corp. as store manager at the Nappanee facility.

Mrs. Pischke and her family moved to Syracuse three years ago from Albion where she had lived most of her life. She was a Central Noble High School graduate and a member of Albion Wesleyan Church.

Mrs. Pischke was born on April 6, 1961, to Robert and Delores Leitch Coy. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in rural Albion.

Also surviving are her husband, Danny Lee Pischke; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Dusty L. Pischke, at home, David R. Altimus of Brimfield, Danny W. and Latasha Pischke of Arkansas and Daniel L. Schafer of Arkansas; two daughters and a son-in-law, Keesha M. and Clifford Reed of Albion and Jennifer N. Erwin of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Linda Coy of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Randy Slone of Albion; and four grandchildren, Ethen "Hotshot," Gloria, Jacob and Abigail.

She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Gerry Winebrenner.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. David Sheffield of Albion Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers will be Billy Luke, Jimmy Luke, Randy Baker, John Walker, Daniel Schaffer and Denny Pischke.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Norma Spriggs

SOUTH MILFORD — Norma Rose Spriggs, 74, of South Milford died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Spriggs was a homemaker and member of The True Church of God in South Milford.

She enjoyed going to garage sales and auctions and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Spriggs graduated in 1951 from North Side High School in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Churubusco on July 12, 1933, to Walter C. and Wilma (Slagle) Swinehart. She married Billie Spriggs on June 25, 1955, in Angola. He preceded her death on May 8, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Bettina "Tina" and James Patrick of South Milford and Dana and Larry Nagel of South Milford; a son and daughter-in-law, Tracy and Barbara (Blankenship) Spriggs of South Milford; five grandchildren, Wendy and Wes McCrea, Angela Handshoe, Abigail Handshoe, Samantha and Adam Porter, and Katlyn Nagel; a great-grandson, Walker McCrea; a brother and sister-in-law, George and Eleanor Swinehart of Churubusco; and a sister, Joann Parks of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Gary Allen Spriggs in 1967; three sisters, Violet, Thelma and Carol; and a brother, Billy Swinehart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at The Church of The True God in South Milford with the Revs. Sam Sawyer, DeWayne Johnson and Glen Patrick officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Stroh.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. today at the church with a service at 7 p.m.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

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Herbert Freidenberger

BUTLER — Herbert A. "Friday" Freidenberger, 84, of Butler died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Freidenberger served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was an avid Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers fan and enjoyed reading, trains, steam and gas engines and antiquing.

He retired from Hendickson Tandem after 25 years of service as a truck driver. He also owned and operated Herb Freidenberger Bulk Lime and Fertilizer, farmed, drove a bus for the Butler schools and was a rural mail carrier.

He was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202, where he was active in Hoosier Boys State and placement of flags. He was also a 50-year member of Forest Lodge 239 F&AM and a former member of the Butler Fire Department, Butler Eagles and Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Feb. 24, 1923, in Franklin Township to Herbert Freidenberger Sr. and Velma Haverstock Freidenberger.

He married Beatrice Armstrong on Feb. 21, 1948, in Butler. She died May 15, 1969.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Bill Huguenard of St. Joe and Linda Ralstin of Valparaiso; a sister, Jeanette Burkhart of Edgerton, Ohio; and two grandchildren and their spouses, Cynthia and Jamey Kern-McMillen of Butler and Brian and Jenna Ralstin of Valparasio.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Butler Cemetery, with military honors by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with a Masonic service at 5:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Legion Scholarship Fund or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To send condolences and view a video tribute, visit www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Marjorie Reinoehl

ANGOLA — Marjorie Reinoehl, 84, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Reinoehl

Mrs. Reinoehl was a homemaker. She was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren of Ashley and a charter member of the Never Idle Home Demonstration Club.

She was born March 31, 1923, in Smithfield Township of DeKalb County to Raymond D. and Wanda L. (Tuttle) Hartman. They preceded her in death.

She married John H. Reinoehl on Oct. 23, 1942, in Noble County. He survives.

Also surviving are six sons and four daughters-in-law, John and Kay Reinoehl of Waterloo, James and Ruth Reinoehl of Maryville, Tenn., Phil Reinoehl of South Bend, Mark and Donna Reinoehl of Waterloo, Joel Reinoehl of White Pigeon, Mich., and Chris and Tara Reinoehl of Mishawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Paul Smith of Angola and Brenda and Bob Dudley of Phoenix, Ariz.; 28 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a brother and two sisters-in-law, Maynard L. "Mike" and Phyllis Hartman of Angola and Mary Hartman of Kinderhook, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a son, David L. Reinoehl, a brother, William F. Hartman, and a sister, A. Dolores Fee.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley. The Rev. Mike Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

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John Freeze

GARRETT — John M. Freeze, 92, of Garrett died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Freeze

Mr. Freeze owned and operated Freeze Television in Garrett for 25 years, retiring in 1980. He was a ham radio operator at W9LOW and was a member of the Michigan Fiddlers Association.

He was born March 29, 1915, in Garrett to John M. and Florence (Hite) Freeze. They preceded him in death.

On June 3, 1937, in Garrett he married Genevieve "Jenny" Reavis. She died May 8, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Steven Davis of Garrett and Debra and Dick Boyd of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, John "Jack" and Edna Freeze of Garrett; three grandsons and their wives, Bryan and Shawn Freeze, and John and Joei Freeze, all of LaGrange, and Steve and Tracy Davis of Garrett; three granddaughters and a spouse, Jennifer Davis and Judy Garrett, both of Garrett, and Mary Ann and Daryle Applegate of Butler; two sisters, Leanna Friend of Auburn and Lois Best of Indianapolis; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son and daughter-in-law, James and Diane Freeze; a brother, Ronald Freeze; a sister, Barbara Brown; and a grandson, Bill Freeze.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Russ Howard officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Bruce Bassage

QUINCY, Mich. — Bruce Allen Bassage, 67, of Quincy, Mich., died Monday, Dec. 24, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Bassage graduated from Reading High School. He had been employed at Arnold Auto Parts, owned Bassage Janitorial Cleaning Service and retired from IPG Hutchinson. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter. He also enjoyed tinkering with old cars and caring for his cows.

He was born Dec. 16, 1940, in Algansee Township to Sidney and Bessie (Nelson) Bassage.

He married Joann (Toth) Bassage on July 28, 1962. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Guy and Cheryl Bassage and Gordon and Cindy Bassage, all of Quincy, Mich.; one brother and sister-in-law, Buster and Margarite Bassage of Coldwater, Mich.; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Bonna Jean and Jim VanHoosear of Coldwater, Beverly and Dick Sines of Reading, Bernice Hartman of Montgomery and Bernadine and Gordon Vincent of Camden; five grandchildren, Michelle and Tyler Bassage, Brittney Wilson and Brody and Bryce Bassage; one great-grandchild, Navaeha; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bob and Basil; three sisters, Betty Benninghoff, Barbara Fleming and Beatrice Shook; and two brothers-in-law.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in George White Funeral Home, 111 E. Chicago St., Quincy, Mich., with Pastor Scott Arnold officiating. Burial will be in Lester Cemetery in Algansee Township.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lifespan Hospice.

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Robert Burns

FORT WAYNE — Robert W. Burns, 86, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, surrounded by his loved ones.

Mr. Burns was born May 24, 1921, in Fort Wayne and graduated from Central Catholic High School. He attended St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, where he was president of his class.

He began his boxing career at the age of 16, joining the CYO. He boxed for Indiana Golden Gloves for three years. In 1938, he won the Journal-Gazette Sportsmanship Award. In 1941, he won the National Golden Gloves welterweight title in Chicago Stadium in such an impressive win, he was awarded the Barney Ross Sportsmanship trophy, presented by Ross, a former lightweight and welterweight champion of the world. In 1942, Mr. Burns won the National Golden Gloves middleweight title at Madison Square Garden.

He joined the U.S. Navy and was named one of two boxing instructors at Great Lakes Naval Base. The other was Tony Zale, middleweight champion of the world. Mr. Burns trained for the All-American Tournament, captaining the Golden Gloves team. Mr. Burns' win at Buffalo, N.Y., made him the undisputed amateur middleweight champion of the United States

After the war, he turned professional, with a 30-3 record. He was inducted into the Golden Gloves Hall of Fame in 1963.

Mr. Burns was a member of Iron Workers Local 147 and a car inspector for Penn Central and Conrail railroads, retiring in 1981.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Zarbach; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Robert Jr. and Judy Burns of Riverside, Calif., Denny Burns of Hagerstown, Jim and Sue Burns of Adams Lake, Jack Burns of Auburn, and Pat and Renie Burns; two daughters and sons-in-law, Molly and Chris Hartman of Fort Wayne and Mary and Pat McLaughlin of Garrett; 25 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Mary Jane (Bueter) Burns; a daughter, Sandy; a brother, Thomas; and sisters, Ruth and Genevieve.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Jude Catholic Church, 2130 Pemberton Drive, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Women's Care Center.

Kirk Trowbridge Sr.

COLUMBIA CITY — Kirk Trowbridge Sr., 53, of Columbia City died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

John Heath

FORT WAYNE — John R. Heath, 89, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at 1:30 a.m. in Bethlehem Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Heath was a member of Christ's Church at Georgetown in Fort Wayne, where he was an adult Sunday school teacher. He worked as a teacher in schools in Grover Hill, Ohio, and Latty, Ohio, and retired from Shambaugh Elementary School in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 17, 1918, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Raymond R. and Ida (Powell) Heath.

He married Mary E. Sinn on May 31, 1942. She died Dec. 9, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Bradley K. Heath of Churubusco and J. Daniel and Yvonne Heath of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Kristi and John Bennett of Auburn; a sister, Helen Treece of Briceton, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his parents and two sisters, Margaret Heath and Kathryn Robinson.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Den Herder Funeral Home, 1000 W. Wayne Street, Paulding, Ohio, with the Rev. Erick Riddle officiating. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery in Grover Hill, Ohio.

Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. and Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's research.

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John Sawchuk

SOUTH BEND — John P. Sawchuk, 61, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007.

He owned and operated Mr. J's Floral Shop in Warsaw.

He was born July 4, 1946, in Auburn to Mary (Shull) and John Sawchuk. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Meg Sawchuk of Angola; two nieces, Beth and Laura Sawchuk; and one aunt, Charlotte Fee of Auburn.

There will be no calling or services.

Phyllis Walters

RUSKIN, Fla. — Phyllis Walters, 77, of Ruskin, Fla., died Monday, Dec. 17, 2007.

She had moved to Ruskin in April 1991.

Born to Lena and Burl Turner, she was married Dec. 31, 1974, in Hamilton.

Surviving are are her husband, Kenneth; a son, Douglas Gunn; a stepson, Michael Walters; six brothers, Gerald, Jack, Richard, Robert, Bill and Kenny Turner; three sisters, Donna Linger, Dora Hussey and Cora Athy; eight brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Janis Walters, Howard and Dorthy Olry, Donald and Willma Walters, Dave and Ruth Walters, Kenneth and Nila Zellers, Clyde and Judy Osburn, Bruce and Maxine Teller and Paul and Ruth Lyons; and several nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, David and Dennis Gunn, and a daughter, Susette Psurny.

Zipperer's Funeral Home in Ruskin, Fla., handled arrangements.

Gerald Scherer Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Gerald R. "Jerry" Scherer Sr., 83, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at Renaissance Village in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Scherer was a receiving manager for Sears Roebuck & Co., retiring in 1984.

He was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church, and was a World War II veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Bertie A. Scherer of Wolcottville; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Gerald R. Scherer Jr. of Farmland and Lawrence Scherer, Richard and Christina Scherer, Michael and Janet Scherer, and Phillip and Mary Renz, all of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Suzanne Scherer of Fort Wayne and Sherry and William Eaton of Naples, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marilyn Scherer, and two sons, Gregory and Donald Scherer.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with Father Matthew W. Josefiak officiating.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday prior to the service.

Chapel committal service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave.

Memorials are to St. Gaspar Del Bufalo Catholic Church.

Cecilia Bridegan

ALBION — Cecilia L. Bridegan 90, of rural Albion died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Bridegan had lived in the Albion area for more than 50 years.

She was retired from Dexter Axle in Albion where she had worked as a payroll clerk.

She was born on May 28, 1917, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Vesper and Vera (Shaull) Rickey. She married Elvin R. Bridegan in May 1933. He died in November 1976.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Elvin and Lora Bridegan of Churubusco; a daughter, Mary Jane Bridegan of Albion; 13 grandchildren; a nephew, Gale Rickey; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Linda Bridegan and Betty Quinley; a grandchild; a brother, Gale Rickey; two stepchildren, Charles Bridegan and Virginia Smitley; a granddaughter, Pamela Munk; and a niece, Alta "Susie" Rickey.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Aaron Peer of Charter Oak Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Charter Oak Church Building Fund.

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Larry Frazier

CHURUBUSCO — Larry Lynn Frazier, 65, of Churubusco died at 9:10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Frazier

Mr. Frazier was a self-employed farmer since the early 1970s. He had also worked at the Montgomery Ward Warehouse, UPS in Fort Wayne for 10 years and McLean Trucking in Fort Wayne.

He graduated from Arcola High School with the class of 1960 where he ran cross country, played basketball and was an FFA member. He was a 10-year Allen County 4-H member.

Mr. Frazier attended Purdue University for three years.

He was a member of First Eel River Baptist Church in Churubusco where he was a former deacon.

Mr. Frazier was an avid fan of cars, Elvis Presley, Purdue sports and playing cards with his poker group. He loved spending time with his grandchildren making memories by sharing in hay rides, Easter egg hunts and Halloween events.

He was born on Jan. 19, 1942, in Allen County to Dorwin Eugene and Donabelle (Leitch) Frazier. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Fort Wayne.

He married Suzanne Crabill-Bangs in Whitley County on Sept. 19, 1983. She survives in Churubusco.

Also surviving are his children and their spouses, Tammera Lynnette "Tammy" and David Karr of LaOtto, Trinna Marie and Ty Keener of Churubusco, Timothy Lee and Susan Frazier of Fort Wayne, and Trisha Lynne and Randal Hockemeyer of Decatur; 13 grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Ronnie Lee and Sharon Frazier of South Whitley; and a sister and brother-in-law, Jeanne Kay and Ron Unglaub of Flower Mound, Texas.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Terry Lynn Frazier.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Eel River Baptist Church, Carroll Road, Churubusco, with Pastor Kerry Niman officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or First Eel River Baptist Church.

To send family condolences or sign the guest register book, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Donna Buchmeir

KENDALLVILLE — Donna J. Buchmeir, 76, of rural Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Regency Place Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Kimmell woman killed in crash

LIGONIER — A 31-year-old Kimmell woman was killed when the car she was driving left the roadway and struck a tree on U.S. 33 near the intersection of C.R. 725W in western Noble County Saturday night.

Michelle L. Mojica was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office.

A passenger in her vehicle, Jorge Martinez, 30, of Kimmell was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was listed in stable condition with a broken pelvis, according to Noble County Sheriff's Department Deputy Shane Coney.

Coney said witnesses reported Mojica's vehicle, a 1995 Ford Taurus, was southbound on U.S. 33 when for some reason the Taurus gradually drifted off the road to the right and hit the tree.

The investigation into the crash is ongoing, Coney said. Investigators were hoping to speak to Martinez to get more information as to why the vehicle drifted.

Coney said Martinez was wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash. Mojica was not properly restrained.

The Taurus was totaled, Coney said.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, Albion.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
December 27, 2007, Thursday

Mary Hawk

LIGONIER — Mary E. Hawk, 89, formerly of Ligonier died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, in Elkhart where she had lived with her daughter for two years.

Mrs. Hawk was the first bookkeeper for the Noble County REMC. She was later a homemaker, and engaged in farming with her husband in York Township.

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel, and was a devoted wife and mother. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1935, and later graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She was born near Kimmell on May 3, 1918, to Orval and Marie (Piper) McLallin. She married Woodward J. "Woody" Hawk on May 17, 1941, in Merriam. He died on Dec. 17, 2001.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda McClanahan of Belleville, Ohio, and Patty Hawk of Elkhart; a brother and sister-in-law, Lewis and Genny McLallin of Kimmell; three grandchildren and two spouses, Sarah and Heyward Armstrong, and Emily and Nathan Funk, all of Raleigh, N.C., and Joshua McClanahan of LaBelle, Fla.

Services were Monday at the Merriam Christian Chapel, with the Rev. Stephen Pulley officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to the Merriam Christian Chapel.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Haylee Tatum

CROMWELL — Haylee B. Tatum, a newborn, of Cromwell died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 2, 2007, to Jonathan Martin and Dominique L. Tatum of Cromwell.

Surviving are her parents; two grandmothers, Margaret Jefferson of Pierceton and Lynn Miller of Cromwell; a grandfather, Eddie Jefferson of Cromwell; an aunt, Angela Tatum of Pierceton; and four uncles, Eddie Jefferson Jr. of Pierceton and Doug Martin, Joe Warden and Robert Warden, all of Cromwell.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Margaret and James Tatum; and a great-great grandmother, Catherine Jefferson.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Father Larry Kramer of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church officiating.

Memorials may be directed in Haylee's name to the March of Dimes. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

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Velma DeKoninck

FORT WAYNE — Velma A. DeKoninck, 81, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, at 12:30 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. DeKoninck retired from the Poe Tavern in 1990 after 24 years of service. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel, and the church choir. She was a member of Hi-C's Home Economic Club, Women of the Moose Lodge 1311 for more than 30 years and the Poe Fire Department Auxiliary for 55 years.

She was born Aug. 8, 1926, in Yoder to John M. and Marie M. (Vachon) Schuhler. They preceded her in death.

She married Joseph A. DeKoninck on Nov. 6, 1948, in Fort Wayne. He died Nov. 15, 1968.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Steven Bradtmueller of Fort Wayne, Dorothy and Thomas Cole of Ossian, Marie and Michael Letizia of Toledo, Ohio, Betty and Scott Schroeder of Fort Wayne and Angela Bailey of Noblesville; seven sons and six daughters-in-law, James and Lori DeKoninck of Fort Wayne, Kenneth and Deb DeKoninck of Spencerville, Thomas and Becky DeKoninck of Decatur, Gerald and Marlene DeKoninck of Fort Wayne, Stanley and Pam DeKoninck of Auburn, Anthony DeKoninck of Ossian and Matthew and Rhonda DeKoninck of Perrysburg, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Barb Schuhler of Fort Wayne, Richard and Betty Schuhler of Fort Wayne and Edward and Dodie Schuhler of Avilla; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Delores and "Jack" Miller of Fort Wayne and Marjorie Belcher of Kettle Island, Ky.; 21 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna Warkala and Rosemary Nicole, and five brothers, Robert, Harold, Donald, Delbert and William Schuhler.

A family prayer service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, followed by a 2 p.m. service at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel, with Father Thomas Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Hessen Cassel.

Calling will be today from 1-4 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home. A rosary service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses, St. Joseph School, the church choir or the Poe Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent at www.zwickjahn.com.

Thomas Imes

KENDALLVILLE — Thomas L. Imes, 87, of Kendallville died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Imes was a lifetime area resident, and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1938. He played on the Kendallville basketball team that went to semistate in 1938.

He graduated from Purdue University in 1942. He played on the Purdue baseball team for two years before entering military service in February 1943. He served three years in the U.S. Army Air Corp.

Following his military service, he owned and operated a dairy farm in Kendallville until 1982.

Mr. Imes served on the Orange Township Advisory Board for eight years. He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, American Legion Post 381 in Rome City, Purdue Alumni Association and the John Purdue Club.

He was an avid fan of Purdue sports. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's games in high school and college.

He was born Oct. 14, 1920, in Kendallville to Orlo and Lucile (Fairbanks) Imes. On Jan. 23, 1943, he married Frieda Harlow in Lafayette. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Keven Crawford of Winamac; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Maryanne Imes of Madison; two grandsons, Kyle Crawford of Chicago, and Clay and Shannon Crawford of Indianapolis; and a granddaughter, Kara Crawford at Grand Valley State Univesity in Michigan.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City. Pallbearers will be Rick Pratt, Randy Marker, Tom Imes, Keven Crawford, Clay Crawford and Kyle Crawford. Military graveside services will be by American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Donna Buchmeier

GARRETT — Donna J. Buchmeier, 76, of Garrett and formerly of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Regency Place Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Buchmeier had been in declining health for the past nine years.

Mrs. Buchmeier was a homemaker and had been a volunteer at the former McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville for 30 years.

She and her husband had lived in Albion, near Skinner Lake and then in Kendallville for 17 years. For the past four years they had lived in Garrett.

Mrs. Buchmeier and her husband were members of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren near Garrett where she was a member of the Ladies Aid Society.

She enjoyed reading and bird watching and liked to travel, especially to Washington, D.C. She also enjoyed watching her grandchildren's sporting events.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1931, on the family farm in rural Garrett to Wayne and Ruth (Keck) Shirk. She married Richard F. Buchmeier on June 10, 1950, in Garrett and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Cindy Buchmeier of Greenwood, David and Brenda Buchmeier of Merriam, Paul and Sally Buchmeier of New Castle and Jim and Sherri Buchmeier of New Haven; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Sue Shirk of Auburn; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Diane Wisnieski in February 2003.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Brad Hardisty of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will take place at Cedar Chapel Cemetery, near Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Council On Aging or to the American Heart or Cancer Society.

To view the obituary or to leave the family a condolence visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct information provided to this newspaper.*

Linda Pischke

SYRACUSE — Linda Pischke, 46, of Syracuse died at 1:47 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, in the critical care unit of Elkhart General Hospital.

She was employed by Dollar General Corp. as store manager at the Nappanee facility.

Mrs. Pischke and her family moved to Syracuse three years ago from Albion where she had lived most of her life. She was a Central Noble High School graduate and a member of Albion Wesleyan Church.

Mrs. Pischke was born on April 6, 1961, to Robert and Delores Leitch Coy. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in rural Albion.

Also surviving are her husband, Denny Lee Pischke; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Dusty L. Pischke, at home, David R. Altimus of Brimfield, Danny W. and Latasha Pischke of Arkansas and Daniel L. Schafer of Arkansas; two daughters and a son-in-law, Keesha M. and Clifford Reed of Albion and Jennifer N. Erwin of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Linda Coy of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Randy Slone of Albion; and four grandchildren, Ethan "Hotshot," Gloria, Jacob and Abigail.

She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Gerry Winebrenner.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. David Sheffield of Albion Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers will be Billy Luke, Jimmy Luke, Randy Baker, John Walker, Daniel Schaffer and Denny Pischke.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Kirk Trowbridge Sr.

Mr. Trowbridge

COLUMBIA CITY — Kirk Trowbridge Sr., 53, of Columbia City died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn.

He was a lifetime area resident and a Central Noble High School graduate. He was employed as a supervisor at Bear Cat Trailers for several years.

Mr. Trowbridge was born on Dec. 15, 1954, in Kendallville to Ralph "Jack" and Barbara (Morr) Trowbridge. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Jason Trowbridge and his companion, Aaron Dickison, of Fort Wayne and Josh and Heather Trowbridge of Cromwell; a daughter and son-in-law, Stacy and Mike Hakey of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Mandy Sheckles, Jennifer, Nicole and Michelle Hakey, Abaigail Trowbridge, Cameron Huntier, and Jared and Kaeligh Trowbridge; and two great-grandchildren, Rachel Sheckles and Sean Sheckles.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Kirk D. Trowbridge Jr.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Bret Frymier of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

To view the obituary online or to send the family a condolence, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Ruthene McDaniels

Mrs. McDaniels

KENDALLVILLE — Ruthene McDaniels, 50, of Kendallville died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007, at her residence.

She was a lifetime area resident and had worked at T.D. Shea in Kendallville for a number of years.

She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and other family members.

She was born Aug. 12, 1957, in Kendallville to Raymond and Elsie (Hunter) Ousley. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are Keith Cleveland of Kendallville, with whom she has made her home with for the past 16 years; three daughters and one son-in-law, Aimee Morse of Fort Wayne, Chasity and Travis Bolen of Kendallville and Renae McDaniels of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Joshua, Cody, Thomas, Kristin, Cassandra, Jake, Monica and Megan; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Garrietta Hamilton-Christian and Ron Christian of Corunna, Mary Kay and Charles Rea of Kendallville and Phyllis and Shannon Terry of Kendallville; and one brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Terri Ousley of Morton, Ill.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Gary W. "Larry" Hamilton, and a grandson, Kile Alan Stanley.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Joshua Morse, Billy Ousley, Renae McDaniels, Chasity Bolen, Travis Bolen and Jeremy Stanley.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute (by Saturday) or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Beulah Teeters

AUBURN — Beulah Gretchen Teeters, 94, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2007, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Born in Fairfield Township, she was a licensed practical nurse at Cameron Hospital in Angola for 10 years, retiring in 1965. She also was employed by Sacred Heart of Garrett for 10 years. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Surviving are a son, Richard L. Prosser of Auburn; a daughter, Pat Desmond of Florida; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dorothy Houser of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ora and Etta Mae Rowe, a daughter, Katrina M. George, and two grandchildren, Brian Prosser and Sean Wetherill.

Private graveside services will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Larry Webster

BUTLER — Larry Duane Webster, 75, of rural Butler died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, in Foley, Ala.

Mr. Webster was a rigger for International Industrial Contracting Corp. in Michigan for many years. He was a member of the Ironworkers union and the Elks Club. He graduated from Redford High School in Detroit.

He was born Dec. 21, 1932, in Butler to Weldon and Eula (Beerbower) Webster.

He married Barbara Joan Burkheiser on Jan. 9, 1951, in Detroit. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Duane of Ann Arbor, Mich., Dennis of Highland, Mich., David and Jeanine of Commerce Township, Mich., and Donald of New York, N.Y.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Diane Kay Ottewell.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville, Ohio, with Larry Weller officiating. Burial will be at Newville Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-6 p.m. and Monday from noon to 1 p.m.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Edith Westfall

BLUFFTON — Edith Lou Westfall, 79, of Bluffton died Thursday evening, Dec. 27, 2007, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton.

Mrs. Westfall

Mrs. Westfall farmed alongside her husband in Wells County until they retired in 1987. She also worked as an aide at Liberty Center Elementary School. After retiring from farming, she and her husband worked at Appraisal Research Corp. They also served 5 1/2 years as caretakers for the Bluffton 4-H Park.

She was a member of South Liberty Christian Church until it closed. She then attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton. She was a member of the Wells County Extension Homemakers.

She was born Nov. 20, 1928, in Marion to John Chester and Nellie E. (Worth) Trotter.

She married Robert Eugene Westfall on March 20, 1949, in Landess. He survives in Bluffton.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald E. and Trudy Westfall of Bluffton and Roger A. and Irene Westfall of Huntington; a daughter and son-in-law, Roberta S. and Brian Carnahan of Spencerville; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Evelyn Morrow of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Margaret Blackburn and Ruby Vaughn; and two brothers, John Trotter and Robert Trotter.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene, 1515 Clark Ave., Bluffton. Pastor Randy Bryant and Pastor Aaron Westfall will officiate. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, 3220 E. S.R. 124, Bluffton.

Memorials are to Wells County Homemakers Education Fund, 1240 S. 4-H Road, Bluffton, IN 46714.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being republished with revised information.*

Herbert Freidenberger

BUTLER — Herbert A. "Friday" Freidenberger Jr., 84, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Freidenberger served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was an avid Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers fan and enjoyed reading, trains, steam and gas engines and antiquing.

He retired from Hendickson Tandem after 25 years of service as a truck driver. He also owned and operated Herb Freidenberger Bulk Lime and Fertilizer, farmed, drove a bus for the Butler schools and was a rural mail carrier.

He was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202, where he was active in Hoosier Boys State and placement of flags. He was also a 50-year member of Forest Lodge 239 F&AM and a former member of the Butler Fire Department, Butler Eagles and Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Feb. 24, 1923, in Franklin Township to Herbert Freidenberger Sr. and Velma Haverstock Freidenberger.

He married Beatrice Armstrong on Feb. 21, 1948, in Butler. She died May 15, 1969.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Bill Huguenard of St. Joe and Linda Ralstin of Valparaiso; a sister, Jeanette Burkhart of Edgerton, Ohio; and two grandchildren and their spouses, Cynthia Kern McMillan and Jamey McMillen of Butler and Brian and Jenna Ralstin of Valparaiso.

Graveside serves will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Butler Cemetery, with military honors by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with a Masonic service at 5:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Legion Scholarship Fund or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To send condolences and view a video tribute, visit www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Richard Graffis

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Richard Wayne Graffis, 62, of Spartanburg, S.C., died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Graffis attended Culver Military Academy in Indiana. He was a former supervisor at R.R. Donnelley and Sons Co. and a former funeral director at Graffis-Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. He was a member of the U.S. Golf Association and a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam era.

He was born Aug. 22, 1945, in Auburn, to Wendell and Lottie Shirley Graffis.

He is survived by the mother of his children, Linda Wagner of Rural Hall, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Matthew Wayne and Michelle Graffis; a daughter and son-in-law, Christina Graffis Holly and Taus Holly; a grandson, Jacob Wayne Graffis; and a granddaughter, Brianna Marie Graffis, all of Winston-Salem, N.C.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Victoria Lynn Graffis.

A memorial service with military rites will be Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, at 2 p.m. at Floyd's North Church Street Chapel with the Rev. Ken Owens officiating.

Memorials are to Brenner Children's Hospital, c/o Wake Forest University Medical Center, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, N.C., 27157.

An online guest register may be signed at www.floydmortuary.com.

J.F. Floyd Mortuary in Spartanburg, S.C., is handling arrangements.

Ivan Slusher

ECONOMY — Ivan L. Slusher, 84, of Winchester died Dec. 26, 2007, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Slusher was a 1942 graduate of Winchester High School, where he played on the basketball team. He was a decorated World War II Army veteran, serving from 1942-1945. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Winchester and the Union City Elks Lodge 1534. He retired as chief engineer from Delaware Machine and Tool in Muncie.

He enjoyed gardening, yard work, woodcarving, coin collecting and collecting Indian artifacts.

He was born Jan. 8, 1923, in Winchester to Orville and Martha Florence (Dick) Slusher.

He married Darlene (Coffman) Slusher on Nov. 4, 1945, in Winchester. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Jim Kaiser of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Glenda Slusher of Lithia Springs, Ga.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Heather and Damon Barth of Huntertown, Trinity and Christina Boyd of Albion, Amanda and Brent Bailey of Auburn, and Nick Kaiser of Fort Wayne; five great-grandchildren, Bo Bailey, Sara Bailey, Emma Barth, Lindsey Boyd and Jarrett Beauhof; one sister-in-law; a nephew and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Slusher.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Walker Funeral Home, 248 E. South St. Winchester, with Pastor Sandy Knepple officiating. Military services will follow at Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home. Union City Elks Lodge 1534 will conduct the Lodge of Sorrow ceremony at 4:45 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

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Maxine Frisby

FORT WAYNE — Maxine L. Frisby, 90, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, in Peoria, Ariz.

Mrs. Frisby was a homemaker and a volunteer for Hospice of Arizona.

Surviving are eight children and their spouses, Norma Schmucker, Robert and Cathy Frisby, Donald and Nancy Frisby, Betty Miller, James Frisby, Richard Frisby, Thomas and Vicki Frisby and Connie Frisby, one brother, two sisters, 16 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Frisby

She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer, a daughter, Carolyn Sue, two grandsons, Ronnie and Gregory, and one great-grandson.

Services will be Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at 1 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home, 6692 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Memorials are to Hospice of Arizona, 2222 W. Northern Ave., Ste. A-100, Phoenix, AZ, 85021.

Wilma Hagerty

AUBURN — Wilma Irene (Oechsle) Hagerty, 84, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Hagerty was a homemaker and member of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

She was born July 2, 1923, in Van Wert, Ohio, the daughter of Albert and Freida (Wittman) Oechsle.

She married Paul Hagerty Nov. 26, 1946. He died Nov. 19, 1989.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carman and Gerry Brady of Garrett and Yvonne and Mike Eberly of Auburn; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and one brother, Lloyd Oechsle.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Pageant was woman's passion

Patricia Gilliland directed Miss Garrett pageant for decades

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Patricia Gilliland knew she was a trailblazer.

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Patricia Gilliland

Each year, the longtime director of the Miss Garrett pageant would pick the music for the various parts of the competition, and, sure enough, the music would show up in nationally televised pageants such as Miss America and Miss Universe.

"Of course, this was just a coincidence because the songs were so popular at the time, but my mom used to joke that the big pageants would send 'spies' to see what they were doing at Miss Garrett each year," said her son, Doug Gilliland of Anderson.

"She really just put her heart and soul in it every year," he added. "It was really something that she just absolutely loved."

Mrs. Gilliland died Dec. 16 at the age of 81, but her memory lives on through the pageant on which she worked for so long.

Marilee Harris, Miss Garrett 1963, recalls a woman who made the pageant work despite less-than-perfect circumstances.

"It wasn't very polished to begin with," Harris said. There was a swimsuit competition at the elementary school, and the rest of the pageant was held on a flatbed truck uptown during Heritage Days.

"She organized it the best she could because of the circumstances," Harris said.

Gilliland's daughter, Paula Rutherford of Muncie, said her mother always was willing to lend an ear to the problems of anyone who needed her help.

"At the pageant, if any of the girls had any troubles at home, she was always there for them," she said.

"She cared about all the girls," Harris said. "I learned a lot from her, just because she was a very upbeat, positive individual."

"She was kind of like a grandma to everyone," said Jennifer Blotkamp, who won the Miss Garrett crown in 1996. "She gave a lot of hugs. She was kind of one of those people you could count on to cheer you up."

Blotkamp, who also competed in Miss Northeast and Miss Ball State pageants, said Miss Garrett was a less competitive and more friendly pageant.

"The girls really didn't seem as catty," she said. "I think Pat ... wanted everyone to get along. The pageant was more like a character-building than 'Oh my gosh! Who's going to win?'"

Patricia Krus-Baidinger, founder of the Patricia Krus School of Dance in Garrett, said she always admired Gilliland, who was a friend of her family.

"I always thought she was a really neat lady," Krus said. "I just thought she was always dedicated to whatever she did."

Krus worked with Gilliland on the pageant for a few years as well. She was "very enjoyable to work with," Krus said. "She was very organized, and she always had her ideas of what she wanted, and they were great."

Rutherford said the pageant wasn't her mother's only activity, however. Gilliland also enjoyed organizing musicals and shows for her church, First Baptist Church in Garrett.

She was a lover of music, although she played no instrument and rarely performed.

"She was just very active in church with organizing things," Rutherford said.

Doug Gilliland said his mother would put on a big Christmas show for the community each year. People would bring canned food to donate.

"It's kind of like the classic thing," he said. "She always put others first and then worried about herself later."

Harris said she didn't keep in touch with Gilliland after her pageant days, but admires Gilliland's work on the pageant.

"It's been amazing because (the pageant) is something that's been kept alive in Garrett for all those years," she said. "I think that has to be a lot of it because of Pat."

Doug Gilliland said he was touched by the outpouring of love shown at his mother's funeral earlier this month.

"It was just a neat thing to know that, even all these years later, at her funeral a lot of friends from 40 years ago, 50 years ago, paid their respects," he said. "That was a neat, neat thing to know, that even all these years later, there were people who held her in high esteem."

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Pamela Yoquelet

ASHLEY — Pamela Jo Yoquelet, 57, of Ashley died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Yoquelet worked 21 years for Seimons in Auburn. She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church, the church's women's group and the LA Breakfast Car Club. She attended St. John's Lutheran School in Kendallville and was a 1969 graduate of East Noble High School. She loved gardening and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Yoquelet

She was born Sept. 4, 1950, in Lima, Ohio, to James R. and Pauline M. (Heileman) Smith. Her father is deceased. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Melvin E. Yoquelet on Nov. 2, 1968, in Kendallville. He survives in Ashley.

Other survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, James E. Yoquelet and Jeff A. and Sherry Yoquelet of Avilla; five grandchildren, Andrew Yoquelet of Kendallville, Kyle Yoquelet of Avilla, Janna Yoquelet of Fort Wayne, Alyssa Poage of Avilla and Halle Yoquelet of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, David R. and Karen Smith of Stroh; a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Norman Yoder of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Gary R. Smith, and a sister, Pauletta "P.J." Haines.

Services will be Wednesday at the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and also one hour prior to the service at the church Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church Fellowship Hall Fund.

Michelle MoJica

KIMMELL — Michelle L. MoJica, 31, of Kimmell, died Saturday Dec. 22, 2007 from injuries sustained in a car accident on U.S. 33 and C.R. 725W in Ligonier.

Mrs. MoJica was studying to become a registered nurse. She lived in Avilla for 12 years, then moved to Wolcottville and Cromwell, then recently had lived in Kimmell. She also attended East Noble High School in Kendallville. She enjoyed to read, go to movies, being outdoors, walking, spending time with her son and helping people.

Mrs. MoJica was born Jan. 11, 1976, in Kendallville to Darrell Mc Donald and Deborah (Lothamer) Estrada. Her mother survives in Kimmell and her father preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 1986. On Oct. 16, 2001, in Wawaka she married Edward Mojica, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son Hulices Mojica, at home; a sister Mindy McDonald and her boyfriend Michael Ostrander; three nieces, Destiny Ostrander, Cynthia Seber and Elizabeth Seber; three nephews, David Seber, Dylan Seber and Tanner Seber and best friend Tessa Seber of Tennesse; step-father, Raul Estrada and former step-father, Kevin Coy.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Memorials to be made to the family.

Online condolences may be left at www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Gerald Nicholas

AUBURN — Gerald J. Nicholas, 72, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a honey bee keeper for 31 years and attended Auburn Nazarene Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Vietnam era.

He was born Oct. 7, 1935, in Richland Township in DeKalb County to Forrest and Adah (Goe) Nicholas, who are both deceased.

He married Nadean Riggs on June 20, 1959 in Mount Pleasant Unitd Methodist Church. She survives.

Mr. Nicholas

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law William and Tonya Nicholas of Garrett; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Wanda and Keith Crowl of Hamilton and DeLilah and Mao Sonkit of Waterloo; six grandchildren, a great-granddaughter; one step great-grandson.; and a sister, Susanna Johnson of Auburn.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center Missionary Fund.

Claude Warble

STROH — Claude B. Warble, 82, of Stroh, died at 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2007 at home.

He was a laborer and had lived most of his life in the Stroh area, except for about 15 years when he and his wife lived in Sanford, Fla. He was also member of the Stroh Church of Christ.

Mr. Warble was born July 19, 1925, in Elmira to Russell B. and Maebelle (Malone) Warble.

On July 20, 1946, he married Avis Wells in Salem Center. She survives in Stroh.

Mr. Warble

Also surviving are three daughters and son-in-laws, Sharon and Hillard Gayheart of Stroh, Diana and Larry Barnes of Phoenix, and Nada and Monte Austin of Stroh.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Doyle Gose of LaGrange; and one brother and sister-in-law, Maynard "Lefty" and Sharon Warble of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell in 1978 and Maebelle in 1986; and a brother, Lewis Warble in 1996.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Stroh Church of Christ with the Pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be at the Stroh Church of Christ on Monday from 2-8 pm.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ.

Condolences may be submitted online to the family at www.fruripmayfuneral-home.com

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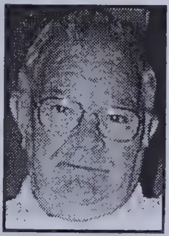
Hoot Gibson

GARRETT — Hoot Denzel Gibson, 81, of Garrett, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at 10:30 p.m.


Mr. Gibson

Mr. Gibson was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving from 1944-1946.

He worked in the coal mines of West Virginia and was also a mechanic in Zanesville, Ohio.

He was a truck driver for Martin in Fort Wayne and Rugman and Hanson in Chicago. He retired as manager of the Garrett Marathon Station in 1988 after 25 years of service.

He was a member of the Garrett Eagles Aerie, Garrett Elks Lodge, Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars, Auburn Moose Lodge and Garrett American Legion Post 178.

Mr. Gibson was born Nov. 15, 1926, in Chesapeake, W. Va., to Carl Wade and Addie (Bennett) Gibson. He was one of 11 children. His parents preceded him in death.

On Jan. 25, 1949, in Millersville, W.Va., he married Wilma Jean Straight. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son, Donald Wade Gibson of Garrett; four daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Val Miller of Sandy Lake, Pa., Rita and Ron Betz of Auburn; Kathy Van Allen and Jack Lane of Kendallville, and Bonnie and Kenny Woods of Huntington; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Betty Gibson of Pataskala, Ohio; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Richard A. Pickard of Corunna Community Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with graveside military services by the Garrett American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

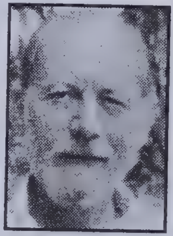
Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, or to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

To send a condolence or sign an online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Jerry Mortimore

WOLCOTTVILLE — Jerry L. Mortimore, 64, of Wolcottville died at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at his residence.


Mr. Mortimore

Mr. Mortimore had resided in Noble County most of his life.

He had been store manager for S&S Oil in Kendallville and had worked 30 years at Taylor Made in Kendallville, retiring as manufacturing manager.

Mr. Mortimore was a member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301 and a charter member of the men's auxiliary of the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He was born May 15, 1943, in Noble County to Homer and Reba (Olinger) Mortimore. He married Barbara Grate on May 8, 1987, in Noble County. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Jo Johnson, Paula and Randy Robbins, Jan and Terry Longsworth and Penny and Gary Hamman, all of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mike Mortimore and Travis and Shay Mortimore, all of Kendallville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Julie and Ron Olin of Michigan; 23 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Bonnie and Paul Shoemaker of Claypool, Pat and Jerry Febles of Cree Lake, and Sandy and Russ Muscello of Adams Lake; and a brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Carolyn Mortimore of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Leahmae Palmer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Dan Engber of the Howe Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in the Sedan Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Chris Palmer, Tracy Palmer, Tom Mortimore, Wade Mortimore, Mark Marti, Russell Muscello Jr., Seth Mortimore, and Brandon.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice. View a video tribute by Wednesday, or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a reporter's errors.*

Pamela Yoquelet

ASHLEY — Pamela Jo Yoquelet, 57, of Ashley died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Yoquelet

Mrs. Yoquelet worked 21 years for Seimons in Auburn. She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church and was active in the church's women's group. She was a member of the LA Breakfast Car Club. She attended St. John's Lutheran School in Kendallville and was a 1969 graduate of East Noble High School. She loved gardening and spending time with her family and her grandchildren.

She was born Sept. 4, 1950, in Lima, Ohio, to James R. and Pauline M. (Heileman) Smith. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Melvin E. Yoquelet on Nov. 2, 1968, in Kendallville. He survives in Ashley.

Other survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, James E. Yoquelet of Fort Wayne and Jeff A. and Sherry Yoquelet of Avilla; five grandchildren, Andrew Yoquelet of Kendallville, Kyle Yoquelet of Avilla, Janna Yoquelet of Fort Wayne, Alyssa Poage of Avilla and Halle Yoquelet of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, David R. and Karen Smith of Stroh; a sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Norman Yoder of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Gary R. Smith, and a sister, Pauletta "P.J." Haines.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church Fellowship Hall Fund.

Marianne Musick

FORT WAYNE — Marianne K. Musick, 45, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2007. at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Musick taught early childhood development at Ivy Tech for more than seven years. She was a graduate of Ball State University and began her career at Lutheran Hospital's pre-school center. She had a passion for educating children in their early years. Her creativity in education was a blessing to many.

Mrs. Musick

She was a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and had held active in leadership roles there.

Born May 14, 1962 in Wolcottville, IN, she was the daughter of Gary and Marilynn Grossman. They survive in Wolcottville.

Surviving are her husband, Jeffrey Musick; her children, Kassondra and Matthew Musick; four brothers and sister-in-laws, David and Debra Grossman and Brian and Molly Grossman, all of Wolcottville, Nick and Melanie Grossman of LaGrange and Daniel and Kristina Grossman of China; two sisters and brother-in-laws, Julie and Gordon Newman of Fort Wayne and Kristina and Eric Groves of Goshen; her father & mother-in-law, Donald and Barbara Musick of Fort Wayne; two brothers-in-law, Kevin Musick and his wife, Karen, of Brownsburg and Eric Musick and his wife, Kelly, of McDonough, Ga.; a sister-in-law, Susan (Musick) Cross and her husband, Jeff, of Leo; and 23 nieces and nephews.

Service were today at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church with the Rev. Phil Emerson, the Rev. Jack Smith and the Rev. Stacy Downing officiating. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials to Kassondra and Matthew Musick's education fund.

D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, was in charge of arrangements.

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Donald Koehl

FORT WAYNE — Donald A. Koehl, 58, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, following an illness of more than two years with Esthesioneuroblastoma cancer.

Mr. Koehl was a 1967 graduate of Garrett High School and held a BBA from Nazareth College and a MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University. He had a 35-year career in manufacturing accounting, most recently at Medical Protective Inc.

Surviving are his wife, Cindy; two daughters, Nichole of Houston, Texas, and Melissa of Boston, Mass.; four brothers, Robert, Steven, James and David; five sisters, Beverly Porter, Teresa Thorne, Ruth Reinhold, Mary Esselburn and Dorothy Adkison and their spouses; three brothers-in-law Stephen Wagner, John Wagner and Christopher Wagner and their spouses; and 27 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert A. Sr. and Gloria J. Koehl, a brother, a sister and a son.

A celebration of life for all family and friends will be Saturday at 1 p.m., with a gathering starting at noon at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, followed by a private burial.

Memorials are to the University of Michigan Cranial Base Tumor Research Endowment or to Parkview Hospice of Fort Wayne.

To sign a guest book, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com.

Juanita Owens

LAGRANGE — Juanita J. Owens, 69, of LaGrange died at 1:08 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. She had been in failing health the past two years and had resided at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mrs. Owens had lived in the Stroh and Wolcottville area most of her life and had worked as a waitress and cook at several area restaurants.

She was a member of the Five Corners Baptist Church at Wolcottville.

She was born Aug. 18, 1938, in Knott County, Ky., to Carl and Minnie (Bolen) Coburn.

Surviving are five grandchildren, including Corey Owens of LaGrange; four sisters, Wanda Ritchie of Kendallville, Deb Williams of LaGrange, Mary Vanderpool of LaGrange and Virgie Blankenship of Topeka.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Gregory Owens and Thomas Owens; two sisters, Lola Fay Coburn and Jewell Short, and three brothers, Rufus Coburn, Louis Ray Coburn and Irvin Jr. Coburn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with Pastor Clarence Combs and Pastor Tom Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-9 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with an evening service at 6 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

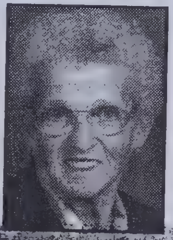
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Arlene Nelson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Arlene R. Nelson, 86, of Wolcottville died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nelson retired in 1984 from Sealed Power in LaGrange after working there for 27 years.

She was a member of the Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church at Wolcottville and had been a member of the South Milford Friendship Club.



Mrs. Nelson

She was born Sept. 4, 1921, in Steuben County to Romie and Ethel (Diehm) Greeno. She married Waldo Nelson in LaGrange on Oct. 5, 1940. He survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Beverly Jones of Kendallville; two grandchildren, David Zimmerman and Dean Zimmerman of Fort Wayne; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Dennis Nelson in 1962; and a brother, Robert Greeno.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Brad Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Michelle Mojica

KIMMELL — Michelle L. Mojica, 31, of Kimmell, died Saturday Dec. 22, 2007, from injuries sustained in a car accident on U.S. 33 and C.R. 725W in Ligonier.

Mrs. Mojica was studying to become a registered nurse. She lived in Avilla for 12 years, then moved to Wolcottville and Cromwell, then recently had lived in Kimmell.

Mrs. Mojica

She had attended East Noble High School in Kendallville.

Mrs. Mojica enjoyed reading, go to movies, being outdoors, walking, spending time with her son and helping people.

Mrs. Mojica was born Jan. 11, 1976, in Kendallville to Darrell McDonald and Deborah (Lothamer) Estrada. Her mother survives in Kimmell and her father preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 1986. On Oct. 6, 2001, in Wawaka she married Edward Mojica and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Hulices Mojica, at home; a sister Mindy McDonald and her boyfriend Michael Ostrander; three nieces, Destiny Ostrander, Cynthia Seber and Elizabeth Seber; three nephews, David Seber, Dylan Seber and Tanner Seber; her best friend, Tessa Seber of Tennessee; her stepfather, Raul Estrada; her former stepfather, Kevin Coy; her paternal grandmother, Evelyn Mc Donald of Kendallville; and her maternal grandmother, Beverly Jean Lothamer of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Memorials to be made to the family.

Online condolences may be left at www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Marsha Brockway

FORT WAYNE — Marsha Diane Brockway, 59, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, at Hospice Home.

She was born April 4, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Glendora Grepke. She graduated from Concordia Lutheran High School in 1967.

Mrs. Brockway was a member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Alpha Theta Tau and the Red Hat Society.

Mrs. Brockway

Surviving are her husband, Thomas Brockway; two daughters and a son-in-law, Leanne and Clint Stockert and Pamela Turner; two brothers, Frank and Mike Grepke; and three grandchildren, Katie Turner, Annamay Stockert and Gabrielle Stockert.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Norman, Don and Tom Grepke.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W. California Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the family or Suburban Bethlehem Church.

Arrangements are by Covington Memorial Funeral Home.

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Ruth Mary Hayden

DUBLIN, Ohio — Ruth Mary Hayden, 104, of Dublin, Ohio, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007.

Mrs. Hayden was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and the oldest member of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, Harold Merret Hayden, and a son, Harold Morton Hayden.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Patricia S. Hayden of Dublin, Ohio; two grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Dena Hayden of Delaware, Ohio, and Kelly Real-Baldwin and Matthew Baldwin of Columbus, Ohio; her great-grandchildren, Holly and Kally Hayden and Brandon Real.

A graveside service will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High St., Worthington, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Sanctuary at Tuttle Crossing Activity Fund, 4880 Tuttle Road, Dublin, OH 43017.

Willis Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — Willis I. Yoder, 91, of Middlebury died today, Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Yoder had lived in Sarasota, Fla., for 28 years and returned to the area in 2001.

Mr. Yoder had been a school teacher and had mowed lawns in Florida.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Jan. 18, 1916, in Nappannee to Isaac and Mattie (Mullet) Yoder. He married Verna Mae Hostetler on Jan. 25, 1940. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Buelah Schlabach of Middlebury; a daughter-in-law; 10 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; two sisters; and two brothers.

He was preceded in death by a son, Lloyd; a son-in-law; four sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Richard Schlabach home with Bishop Keith Hulmeth and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be after 6 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Schlabach home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middelbury, is in charge of arrangements.

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